

**Cosponsors:** Representatives Johnson, Ramos, Stein, Retherford, Arndt, Rogers, Duffey, Goodman, Riedel, Howse, Smith, K., Romanchuk, Greenspan, Lepore-Hagan, Conditt, Anielski, Hill, Miller, Bocchieri, Gavarone, Hambley, Scherer, Ginter, Sweeney, Sprague, West, Dean, Brenner, Kent, Cupp, Keller, Reece, Faber, Lanese, Landis, Young, Zeltwanger  
To enact section 5.481 of the Revised Code to designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day."

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, May 25, 2017, p. 516.)

#### **H. B. No. 212 – Representative Householder**

**Cosponsors:** Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Keller, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Patton, Reece, West  
To enact section 5534.801 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 16 in Coshocton County as the "Staff Sergeant Paul C. Mardis Jr. Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

#### **Am. S. B. No. 2 – Senator Hite**

**Cosponsors:** Senators Gardner, Manning, Yuko, Williams, Brown, Sykes, LaRose, Bacon, Balderson, Beagle, Burke, Dolan, Eklund, Hackett, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Kunze, Lehner, Obhof, O'Brien, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Tavares, Thomas, Uecker  
**Representatives Landis, Leland, Schaffer**  
To amend sections 1506.21, 1506.23, 3714.01, 3714.02, 3714.051, 3714.06, 3714.062, 3714.082, 3734.061, 3734.19, 3734.20, 3734.21, 3734.22, 3734.23, 3734.30, 5301.80, 6109.02, 6109.08, 6109.24, 6111.03, 6111.04, 6111.07, and 6111.30 and to enact sections 3714.022, 6109.25, 6111.052, 6111.33, and 6111.34 of the Revised Code to revise specified laws relating to environmental protection.

(House committee on Energy and Natural Resources recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 502.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 15, 2017, p. 238.)

(Senate committee on Energy and Natural Resources recommends amended bill for passage, see Senate Journal, March 9, 2017, p. 219.)

#### **Sub. S. B. No. 7 – Senators Bacon, Manning**

**Cosponsors:** Senators Obhof, Beagle, Gardner, Uecker, Eklund, LaRose, Skindell, Huffman, Hite, Brown, Schiavoni, Hoagland, Wilson, Balderson, Burke, Coley, Dolan, Hackett, Hottinger, Jordan, Kunze, Lehner, Oelslager, Peterson, Sykes, Tavares, Terhar, Thomas, Williams, Yuko  
**Representatives Manning, Rezabek, Celebrezze, Butler, Conditt, Cupp, Kent, Rogers**

To amend section 2919.27 of the Revised Code to provide the circumstances when service of a protection order or consent agreement upon a person is not necessary for the person to be convicted of the offense of violating a protection order.

(House committee on Criminal Justice recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 472.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs recommends amended bill for passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 195.)

(Senate committee on Rules and Reference recommends re-referral, see Senate Journal, February 8, 2017, p. 120.)

#### **S. B. No. 18 – Senator Thomas**

**Cosponsors:** Senators Eklund, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Sykes, Brown, Obhof, Coley, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Terhar, Williams, Wilson  
**Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 350.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

**S. B. No. 27 – Senator Beagle**

**Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Brown, Eklund, Gardner, Manning, Obhof, Schiavoni, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Yuko, Hoagland, Oelslager, Tavares, Burke, Kunze, Hackett, Balderson, Coley, Dolan, Hite, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Wilson Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**  
To amend section 5.2281 of the Revised Code to designate the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as "Ohio Deaf History Month."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 351.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 203.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

**S. B. No. 57 – Senator Kunze**

**Cosponsors: Senators Coley, Brown, Beagle, Eklund, Schiavoni, Oelslager, Yuko, Hackett, Lehner, Tavares, Gardner, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hite, Hoagland, Huffman, LaRose, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Wilson Representatives Huffman, Gavarone, Antonio, Barnes, Duffey, Ginter, Kent, LaTourette, Lepore-Hagan, West**  
To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate the seventeenth day of May as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day."

(House committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 363.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 15, 2017, p. 239.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 209.)

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## House Activity for Tuesday, June 6, 2017

### INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

**HCR 10** ■ **ANTI-SEMITISM** (Thompson, A., Greenspan, D.) To condemn the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and increasing incidents of anti-Semitism.

Government Accountability & Oversight

**HCR 11** ■ **EDUCATION PLAN** (Gavarone, T.) To approve Ohio's state education plan for implementation of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

Education & Career Readiness

### INTRODUCED

**HB 256** ■ **REGIONAL AIRPORTS** (Butler, J., Zeltwanger, P.) To create the Major Air Hub Council, to require the Council to construct two commercial service airports, one in Fayette County and one in Portage County, and to create the Southern Ohio Airport Authority and the Northern Ohio Airport Authority to operate the airports. Am. 4563.40, 4563.41, 4565.01, 4565.02, 4565.03, 4565.04, 4565.05, 4565.06, 4565.07, 4565.08, 4565.09, 4565.10, 4565.11, 4565.111, 4565.12, 4565.13, 4565.14, 4565.15, 4565.16, 4565.17, 4565.18, and 4565.19

**HB 257** ■ **ROAD NAMING** (Green, D.) To designate a portion of U.S. Route 68 in Brown County as the "Army Specialist David Lee Bingamon Memorial Highway." Am. 5534.804

**HB 258** ■ **ABORTION** (Hagan, C., Hood, R.) To generally prohibit an abortion of an unborn human individual with a detectable heartbeat and to create the Joint Legislative Committee on Adoption Promotion and Support. Am. 2317.56, 2919.171, 2919.19, 2919.191, 2919.192, 2919.193, and 4731.22; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 2919.191 (2919.192), 2919.192 (2919.194), and 2919.193 (2919.198); and to enact new sections 2919.191 and 2919.193 and sections 2919.195, 2919.196, 2919.197, 2919.199, 2919.1910, and 2919.1911

**HB 259** ■ **VIOLENCE DATABASE** (Seitz, B., West, T.) To require the Attorney General to establish a database of persons who have committed an offense of violence at an A-1-A, A-1c, or D liquor permit premises and to provide access to the database to holders of those categories of liquor permits. Am. 4301.612

**HB 260** ■ **DRIVING PRIVILEGES** (Butler, J., Sykes, E.) To require a court to grant limited driving privileges to a person in relation to a driver's license suspension under certain circumstances. Am. 4510.023

### **CALENDAR FOR COMING SESSION**

**SB 25** ■ **PERRY COUNTY COURT** (Hottinger, J.) To create the Perry County Municipal Court in New Lexington on January 1, 2018, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Perry County County Court on that date, to designate the Perry County Clerk of Courts as the clerk of the Perry County Municipal Court, and to provide for the election for the Perry County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2017 and to declare an emergency.

**HB 46** ■ **COUNTY INVESTMENTS** (Sprague, R.) To modify the qualifications regarding notes eligible for investment of county inactive moneys.

**HB 68** ■ **VOYEURISM** (Anielski, M.) To include an impaired person as a potential victim of voyeurism, to include conduct involving an impaired person within the offenses of pandering obscenity involving a minor, pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor, and illegal use of a minor in a nudity-oriented material or performance, and to prohibit an owner, operator, administrator, or employee of a care facility from creating, sharing, reproducing, or publishing any image of a care facility resident without a proper purpose and without prior written consent from the resident.

### **RE-REFERRED**

**HB 168** ■ **CEMETERY REGISTRATION** (Stein, D.) To modify duties of the Division of Real Estate in the Department of Commerce regarding cemetery registration, to specify cemetery owners must reasonably maintain cemeteries, to establish the Cemetery Grant Program, and to make an appropriation.  
Finance

## **RESIGNATION ACCEPTED**

Rep. Dorothy Pelanda as Majority Floor Leader, effective May 31.

## **REFERRED**

### **Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security:**

**HB 238** ■ **VETERANS WAIVER** (Retherford, W., Brenner, A.) To establish the Veterans Fee Waiver Program.

**HB 254** ■ **POW/MIA FLAG** (Wiggam, S.) To enact the POW/MIA Remembrance Act requiring the POW/MIA flag to be displayed at certain buildings operated by the state on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Veterans' Day.

### **Criminal Justice:**

**HB 234** ■ **REPRODUCTIVE CARE** (Howse, S., Lepore-Hagan, M.) To criminalize impeding access to reproductive health care and to create a cause of action for harassment or intimidation of one or more employees of a health care facility.

### **Economic Development, Commerce & Labor:**

**HB 236** ■ **ELEVATOR LAW** (Patton, T., Cupp, R.) To enact the Model Elevator Law.

**HB 245** ■ **CALL CENTERS** (Boccieri, J., Lepore-Hagan, M.) To enact the Consumer Protection Call Center Act of 2017 to require the Department of Job and Family Services to compile a list of all employers that relocate a call center to a foreign country and to disqualify employers on that list from state grants, loans, and other benefits.

## Education & Career Readiness:

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**HB 246** ■ **CLASSROOM FACILITIES** (Boccieri, J., Rezabek, J.) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities.

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## Federalism & Interstate Relations:

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**HB 253** ■ **CONCEALED WEAPONS** (Householder, L., Lanese, L.) To permit law enforcement officers to carry firearms off duty in places otherwise prohibited for concealed handgun licensees.

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## Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development:

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**HB 251** ■ **SUBDIVISION INVESTMENTS** (Greenspan, D.) To increase from five to ten years the maturity period of other political subdivision's bonds and obligations eligible for investment of a subdivision's interim moneys.

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## Government Accountability & Oversight:

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**HB 237** ■ **ELECTIONS** (Pelanda, D.) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation.

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## Health:

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**HB 241** ■ **DIABETES REGISTRY** (Barnes, J.) To establish the Ohio Diabetes Registry.

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**HB 244** ■ **AWARENESS MONTH (Patterson, J.)** To designate the month of June as "Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month."

**HB 248** ■ **DRUG COVERAGE (Antonio, N., Lepore-Hagan, M.)** Regarding coverage for prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, the provision of certain hospital and pregnancy prevention services for victims of sexual assault, the dispensing of hormonal contraceptives to adults without a prescription, and comprehensive sexual health and sexually transmitted infection education in schools.

**HB 252** ■ **AWARENESS MONTH (Huffman, S.)** To designate the month of January as "Blood Donor Awareness Month."

### **Higher Education & Workforce Development:**

**HB 240** ■ **MONTH DESIGNATION (Barnes, J.)** To enact the "Respect Your Date Act" to designate the month of April as "Respect Your Date Month" and to require each state institution of higher education to adopt a policy regarding dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and rape on campus and to declare an emergency.

### **Public Utilities:**

**HB 247** ■ **UTILITY LAW (Romanchuk, M.)** To require refunds to utility customers who have been improperly charged, to eliminate electric security plans and require all electric standard service offers to be delivered through market-rate offers, and to strengthen corporate separation requirements.

**HB 249** ■ **SUBMETERING (Duffey, M.)** To permit the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules governing residential utility reselling.

### **Transportation & Public Safety:**

**HB 250** ■ **ELECTRIC BICYCLES (Brinkman, T.)** To establish requirements for the use of electric bicycles.

**HB 255** ■ **TOWNSHIP OFFICERS (Hambley, S.)** To authorize a township officer who serves a population of greater than 5,000 to make arrests for specified traffic offenses on interstate highways within and adjacent to the officer's territory and to prohibit townships from using traffic law photo-monitoring devices on interstate highways.

### Ways & Means:

**HB 243** ■ **HEATING FUELS (Patterson, J., Cera, J.)** To exempt from sales and use taxation the bulk sale of firewood and certain other heating fuels, and to reimburse the Local Government Fund and Public Library Fund and county and transit sales tax collections for the resulting revenue losses.

### COMMITTEE HEARINGS

#### Ways & Means

**HB 185** ■ **CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS (Hambley, S.)** To expand the scope of political contributions that qualify for the income tax credit for contributions to political campaigns to candidates for any state, county, municipal, or district office. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsor **Rep. Steve Hambley** (R-Brunswick) said the bill would encourage more political participation in local and county elections.

"Increased participation makes government more accountable and responsive, and citizens who give even small financial contributions are more likely to become vested and participate in nonfinancial ways," he said.

Rep. Hambley provided statistics regarding voter turnout rates for local elections, as well as a history of federal and state tax credits for campaign contributions. In the past, he said, advocates for the credit saw it as a way to dilute the influence of special interests' money in state politics; now, its main purpose would be to reward and incentivize political participation. "While giving nominal donations does not bind that person to vote, I do believe that it increases the likelihood of that individual voting, being engaged in the local political system, and thereby furthering self-government and enhancing the legitimacy of government decisions," Rep. Hambley said.

**Rep. Jack Cera** (D-Bellaire) worried that incentivizing donations might increase campaign spending at the local level. Rep. Hambley did not think increased spending would occur, and emphasized that the bill's main effect would be higher participation.

**Rep. Michael Henne** (R-Clayton) wondered which demographic groups are most likely to utilize the credit. Rep. Hambley referenced a 2005 study that suggests young people are the most likely to make use of the tax credit.

**HB 216** **AUTO SALES CREDIT** (**Hambley, S., Brinkman, T.**) To authorize a sales and use tax trade-in credit for purchases of used motor vehicles from a licensed dealer. (**CONTINUED**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Joe Cannon, vice president of government relations for the Ohio Automobile Dealers Association, said the trade-in credit would help reduce tax underreporting in the casual market.

"Often those transactions do not reflect the true vehicle selling price," he said. "The trade-in credit addresses this area by incentivizing individuals to trade in vehicles at dealerships, where proper tax reporting takes place and is more effectively monitored."

Wendy Rinehart, executive director of the Ohio Independent Automobile Dealers Association, said the bill would benefit Ohio's economy by encouraging people to buy cars within the state.

"In a world of global commerce with the Internet as a powerful shopping tool, consumers can easily look to do business with dealers in other states offering this tax credit," she said. "They are not bound to shop at a dealership within a few miles of their home as prior generations were."

Both proponents said the credit would significantly assist the average consumer.

Mr. Cannon said the credit can help purchasers obtain a desired monthly payment, and can be a factor in determining who may qualify for financing.

"More access to credit will spur those that otherwise have been unable to purchase a car to enter the marketplace," Ms. Rinehart said. "The additional acquisition of vehicles enables and empowers more Ohioans to become more active in the economic marketplace, helping their mobility improve to get to and from work."

**Rep. Doug Green** (R-Mt. Orab) asked if there would be a problem with dealers overinflating the value of their used cars. Ms. Rinehart assured him that it would not make financial sense for dealers to raise their prices.

**HB 232** **TAX DEDUCTION** (**Rogers, J., Rezabek, J.**) To authorize, for six years, a personal income tax deduction for attorneys and pass-through entity law firms based on the number of hours the attorney performed pro bono legal work for indigent clients through a legal aid society and the expenses associated with that work. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsors **Rep. John Rogers** (D-Mentor-on-the-Lake) and Rep. Jeff Rezabek (R-Clayton) said the tax deduction would encourage pro bono work in the face of decreased funding and increased demand.

The federal funds distributed to legal aid organizations were reduced by 90% between 2007 and 2013, Rep. Rezabek said. Meanwhile, the number of claimants eligible for legal aid increased from 1.98 million to 2.28 million.

"With the legal needs for our less fortunate constituents ever increasing as funding of legal aid diminishes, we hope to help," he said. "If enacted, it could make all the difference in the

lives of our constituents who require civil representation in extremely difficult and important times in their lives."

The sponsors emphasized that the revenue impact on the state would be negligible when weighed against the benefits provided to so many low-income individuals involved in civil cases.

**Rep. Gary Scherer** (R-Circleville) wondered if there are any other examples of tax code providing monetary incentives for volunteer work. Rep. Rezabek acknowledged that this deduction is unprecedented, but emphasized that the need is so great and the system ought to support people.

**SB 131** **TAX CREDITS (Dolan, M.)** To provide that compensation paid to certain home-based employees may be counted for purposes of an employer qualifying for and complying with the terms of a Job Creation Tax Credit. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor-Pending referral)

Sponsor Sen. Matt Dolan (R-Chagrin Falls) said the tax credit would incentivize taxpayers to create jobs for work-at-home employees.

"The legislation would also improve Ohio's competitiveness with surrounding states by recognizing the impact of work from home employees in this changing economy," he said.

"By removing geographical boundaries employers are enabled to recruit more broadly which enhances the talent pool, while at the same time increases employee productivity and job satisfaction."

Sen. Dolan said qualifying job-creating projects would still need to meet all existing requirements, such as Ohio residency and capital investment at the project site.

## **Criminal Justice**

**HB 215** **PAULDING COURTS (Riedel, C.)** To create the Paulding County Municipal Court in Paulding on January 1, 2019, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Paulding County County Court on that date, to designate the Paulding County Clerk of Courts as the clerk of the Paulding County Municipal Court, and to provide for the election for the Paulding County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2018. (CONTINUED-AMENDED; 2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendment)

Before hearing testimony, an **amendment** offered by Rep. Jeff Rezabek (R-Clayton) was accepted to clarify that the clerk of the court will be appointed by the judge, who will be elected in odd-numbered years.

Paulding County Court Judge Suzanne Shuman Rister said that traffic cases in the county have increased considerably since U.S. 24 opened between Toledo and Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The court is currently in session three days per week, Judge Shuman Rister said.

"Jury trials are handled as best we can. But the problem with the congested court docket is that jury trials are scheduled out several weeks, if not months. In short, justice delayed is justice denied," she said.

The Paulding County Board of Commissioners also provided a letter in support of abolishing the county court and creating a municipal court.

**HB 81** **DEATH PENALTY (Seitz, B., Antonio, N.)** To provide that a person convicted of aggravated murder who shows that the person had a serious mental illness at the time of committing the offense cannot be sentenced to death for the offense and to provide a mechanism for resentencing to a life sentence a person previously sentenced to death who proves that the person had a serious mental illness at the time of committing the offense. (CONTINUED (See separate story); 3rd Hearing-Opponent)

**SB 32** **TRIAL TIMELINES (Eklund, J.)** To provide a prosecutor an additional fourteen days to commence a trial after a person charged with a felony has been discharged because the person has not been brought to trial within the required amount of time and to authorize the court to release the person from detention in connection with those charges pending trial. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsoring **Sen. John Eklund** (R-Chardon) said the legislation is "intended to modify Ohio's speedy trial statute in order to avoid the disproportionate penalty for violation of the speedy trial statute."

Under current law, if a defendant is not brought to trial within the statutory time limit, the charges are dismissed with prejudice.

"As a consequence, the defendant cannot be further prosecuted on those charges no matter how slight the violation, no matter how serious the charges, and even though the violation does not prejudice the defendant," Sen. Eklund said. "I believe the remedy, dismissal with prejudice, is greatly out of proportion to the nature of the violation."

Under his proposal, a defendant would be eligible to be released from confinement if the speedy trial limit is not met. The state would then have 14 days to prosecute the individual.

"Current law has resulted in a miscarriage of justice in many cases where the defendant escapes liability for his criminal conduct simply because the trial date was mistakenly set beyond the statutory time limit," Sen. Eklund said. "This proposal will avoid the harsh consequences of what is usually an innocent and inconsequential violation of an arbitrary statutory limit."

Rep. Rezabek asked if the bill will still provide the judge an opportunity to continue a case in the 14-day window due to a full docket or whether a prosecutor would have the same opportunity if a witness is not available.

"The bill does not contemplate that prospect at this point," Sen. Eklund answered.

**Rep. John Rogers** (D-Mentor-on-the-Lake) asked how frequently cases in Ohio are dismissed due to not meeting the speedy trial requirement.

Sen. Eklund said it varies by year, but does happen.

"There are good years and there are bad years," he said.

**SB 33** **LAW ENFORCEMENT DATA (Eklund, J.)** To allow disclosure of information from the law enforcement automated data system (LEADS) to a

defendant in a traffic or criminal case. (**CONTINUED**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Attorney Cleve Johnson, chair of the traffic law committee at the Ohio State Bar Association, said the legislation is designed to correct a flaw.

"This bill protects prosecutors against being sanctioned for doing their job and complying with the criminal rules," he said. "It also enables defense attorneys to do their job and provide competent representation by giving them access to records necessary to effectively represent their clients."

Mr. Johnson said that while prosecutors are required by rule to provide defendants with a copy of their record of convictions, some refuse to comply because they are concerned they could violate the LEADs statutes.

"They do this even when they are shown multiple letters from the chief LEADs officer and other public officials indicating such disclosure is allowed. This is a persistent problem that has continued for many years. Now some who have not dealt with the problem from the defense side think that the problem can be fixed with a simple regulation," he said.

"The problem is that we have prosecutors who are violating the criminal rules because they are scared of a statute. A regulation can't override a statute. A change in the statutory law is needed."

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**Economic Development, Commerce & Labor**

**HB 193** **FLU VACCINES (Hagan, C.)** To prohibit an employer from taking an adverse employment action against a person who has not been or will not be vaccinated against influenza. (**CONTINUED (See separate story)**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB 230** **FLAG DISPLAY (Gonzales, A., Ginter, T.)** To prohibit manufactured home park operators, condominium associations, neighborhood associations, and landlords from restricting the display of the thin blue line flag. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Rep. Anne Gonzales** (R-Westerville) said her measure was prompted by a constituent who was told by community leaders that he was not permitted to fly a so-called thin blue line flag, which honors law enforcement officers.

**Rep. Tim Ginter** (R-Salem) described the flag, which has the same design as the American flag, but is black and white with a blue stripe in the center.

"This bill simply modifies the current statute that states no park operator shall include any restriction in a rental agreement prohibiting an owner's display of certain specialized flags," he said. "This includes the display of the United States or the national league of families POW/MIA flag, the display of the state flag, and the display of the service flag approved by the United States secretary of defense for display in a window of the residence of a member of the immediate family of an individual serving in the armed forces of the United States."

"Just as military personnel have given up their lives to protect our freedom under the premise of the American flag and service flag, active and retired law enforcement personnel have done the same," Rep. Ginter continued. "These men and women deserve the right to fly with pride the thin blue line flag."

**HB 77** **CHILD CARE CENTERS (Retherford, W.)** To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers. (CONTINUED (No testimony); 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

## **Energy & Natural Resources**

**HB 225** **OIL GAS WELLS (Thompson, A.)** To allow a landowner to report an idle and orphaned well or abandoned well, to require the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management to inspect and classify such a well, to require the Chief to begin plugging a well classified as distressed-high priority within a specified time period, and to authorize an income tax deduction for reimbursements paid by the state to a landowner for costs incurred to plug an idle or orphaned well. (CONTINUED (See separate story); 1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)

## **Federalism & Interstate Relations**

**HB 233** **FIREARMS (Becker, J.)** To enact the "Decriminalization Effort For Ending Notorious Deaths (DEFEND)" to provide an opportunity for a concealed handgun licensee or qualified military member to avoid guilt for carrying a concealed handgun into a prohibited place if the person leaves upon request, and to penalize as disorderly conduct failing to leave upon request or returning with a firearm. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sponsoring **Rep. John Becker** (R-Union Twp.) said the legislation "threads the needle between the rights of property owners to keep guns off of their property and the public safety attributes of Ohio's finest citizens carrying guns."

Under the bill, concealed handgun license holders, who Rep. Becker called "the cream of the crop of the citizenry," would be subject to a fourth-degree misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct if they are asked to and refuse to leave a gun free zone.

Those who do not comply with such a request would be subject to a fine of up to \$250 and 30 days in jail.

"HB233 does not expand who can carry a concealed firearm or where concealed firearms can be carried. HB233 only applies to CHL holders," Rep. Becker said. "As stated earlier, they are the cream of the crop of the citizenry. HB233 simply codifies the common practice of asking the violator to leave the premises of a so-called 'gun free zone,' ending the incident."

**Rep. Kyle Koehler** (R-Springfield) asked why the legislation is necessary.

Rep. Becker said it is easy to forget that you are carrying a gun if you do so often.

"The idea of this bill is to protect Betty Buckeye who carries a gun in her purse," he said.

Chairman **Rep. Kristina Roegner** (R-Hudson) questioned if only a property owner would be entitled to ask someone to leave.

Rep. Becker said it could be anyone in a managerial position.

Asked by Rep. Roegner if the legislation would require verbal communication, Rep. Becker said that would be the case.

"It's easy to miss signs," he said.

**Rep. David Leland** (D-Columbus) questioned if CHL holders are the "cream of the crop" of the citizenry how they would forget they are carrying a firearm.

"It's not a cell phone," he said. "It's not a wallet. It's not a comb. It's a gun."

In response, Rep. Becker reiterated his point that people who regularly carry guns often forget that they are armed. He said he once attended a meeting in his district in a sheriff's office and was in the meeting for five minutes before he realized he had a firearm on him.

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**EXTRADITION (Holmes, G.)** To urge the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, and the Congress of the United States to compel Brazil to extradite Claudia Hoerig to stand trial for the aggravated murder of her husband, Major Karl Hoerig, and to request that the United States terminate foreign aid payments to Brazil if Claudia Hoerig is not extradited. **(CONTINUED; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)**

Trumbull County Prosecutor Dennis Watkins said in written testimony that the Supreme Federal Court of Brazil recently voted 4-1 to send Claudia Hoerig back to the U.S. to stand trial for the murder of her husband.

He said the State Department and Brazilian officials are currently working on her extradition. "Diplomacy, at this point, must be given a chance," he wrote. "Hopefully, Brazil and the United States will reasonably resolve this case and finally our respective people will see a just and reasonable solution which will set a standard for the future."

Given Mr. Watkins' testimony, Rep. Roegner asked if the measure is still necessary.

"They want to keep the pedal to the metal," sponsoring **Rep. Glenn Holmes** (R-McDonald) said.

**Subscriber's Note:** For full testimony see the **committee's website** under June 6.

**Public Utilities**

**HB 133**

**DISASTER WORK (Ryan, S.)** To create the Disaster Relief Act to exempt out-of-state disaster businesses and qualifying out-of-state employees from certain taxes and laws with respect to disaster work on critical infrastructure performed in this state during a declared disaster. **(CONTINUED; 2nd Hearing-All testimony)**

Chairman **Rep. Bill Seitz** (R-Cincinnati) said he plans to open the bill up for amendments and a vote at the committee's next meeting June 20.

Micah Derry, state director of Americans for Prosperity, said states are often "woefully unprepared" for disasters and that red tape can hinder the efforts of communities and nonprofits seeking to help. The bill, he said, would fix that by granting more flexibility to infrastructure companies in those situations.

"Although it's tempting to view this exemption as a special favor to business, in reality it brings attention to the obstacles presented by regulation and is an important step in providing critical services," Mr. Derry said. "Additionally, it's only for a short period of time, and in certain circumstances, so Ohio-based businesses won't be put at a disadvantage."

More than 20 other states have passed similar legislation, he said, adding that he views the bill "about as common-sense legislation as is ever seen in front of this legislative body."

NFIB/Ohio and the Ohio Chamber of Commerce supported the bill in joint written testimony.

"Current laws in Ohio require these businesses and their out-of-state employees to go through a process of ensuring each employee is in compliance with state and federal

regulatory, tax and licensing laws," the groups wrote. "This process can be slow and burdensome, hindering the speed with which they can respond and compromising their efforts to minimize inconvenience to their customers."

**HB 239** **SECURITY RESOURCES (Smith, R., Carfagna, R.)** To allow electric distribution utilities to recover costs for a national security generation resource. **(CONTINUED (See separate story) (Earlier: Referred to Public Utilities);** 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Pending referral)

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**Education & Career Readiness**

**HB 170** **COMPUTER SCIENCE (Carfagna, R., Duffey, M.)** With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation. **(REPORTED-AMENDED (See separate story);** 5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote)

**HB 200** **SCHOOL CHOICE (Koehler, K.)** To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program. **(CONTINUED;** 3rd Hearing-All testimony)

Chad Aldis, vice president for Ohio policy and advocacy at the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, offered strong support for making income-based scholarships available to students in Ohio regardless of their home school performance.

"We've long believed that every parent should have access to a good school that meets his or her child's educational needs. School choice in its many forms, including open enrollment, magnet schools, charter schools, homeschooling, and private school choice, is important when a zoned school - for whatever reason - isn't a good fit," he said.

The move to income-based eligibility for the state's voucher program is especially important because research has found low-income students face the biggest education challenges regardless of their assigned schools' academic ratings, he said.

"Moreover, they are also the students most constrained when their assigned school isn't a good fit, and they aren't making academic progress. Students of means are better able to move to another school zone, pay private school tuition, or afford transportation to open enroll in a nearby district," Mr. Aldis said.

Most of the nation's voucher models are means tested as opposed to Ohio's so-called failing schools model, he said.

**Rep. Kent Smith** (D-Euclid) asked the witness whether the fiscal note for the bill was correct because it states that one million students could be eligible for the awards and the program could cost \$1.19 billion annually if all those students used vouchers.

The information is correct, however, "What's not correct is the likelihood in any scenario that's even imaginable that that number of students could possibly participate in the program," Mr. Aldis said.

Not only would that number of Ohioans chose to leave their home districts, but there aren't enough slots at private schools that accept vouchers, he said.

"I don't think that's a good measure of either demand or supply in this case," he said of the analysis.

Rep. Brenner asked whether the state could save money through an income-based voucher program because districts often spend much more to educate a student than the voucher would be worth.

Because of the current complex nature of the school funding model, Mr. Aldis said it's unknown whether money could be saved or how much.

"Our system isn't yet flexible enough to figure out how to do this is a good way, but long term there could definitely be some cost savings," he said.

Walter Banks, a senior at Mount Vernon Nazarene University, told the committee he credits his educational success with having attended a private school on a voucher.

"I thank you because all of you were fighting for me before you even knew me or my story," he said in prepared testimony. "All I ask is that we continue to help and inspire and impact the lives of students who need a good education."

The committee also heard from proponents Ezra Escudero, the Ohio coalitions director for Americans for Prosperity's LIBRE Initiative, and School Choice Ohio Executive Director Kaleigh Lemaster. Both submitted testimony for the last meeting, but were unable to present it at that time. (See [Gongwer Ohio Report, May 31, 2017](#))

Meanwhile, Scott DiMauro, vice president of the Ohio Education Association, said his group "is opposed to the creation or expansion of voucher programs as they drain needed resources from the approximately 90% of students who attend Ohio's local public schools."

Estimates show that more than one million students would be eligible for the voucher program and would cost the state \$45 million more annually than the current program if just 2.5% of students took advantage, he said.

"As you know, hundreds of school districts stand to lose funding and others would receive far less than the formula calls for due to gain caps," Mr. DiMauro said, referring to the proposed Fiscal Year 2018-2019 biennial budget. "Expanding and increasing funding for private school vouchers would mean those resources are not available to improve school funding or invest in other priorities such as expanding access to early childhood education."

He also pointed to research that has shown voucher programs don't result in improved performance overall and said the bill creates inequities because those in the voucher programs are eligible for education savings accounts.

**Rep. Kyle Koehler** (R-Springfield) pointed to Mr. Banks' testimony and asked how Mr. DiMauro could say that voucher programs don't result in improved outcomes.

Mr. DiMauro said research has been done across the board and doesn't take into account individual students.

"Anecdotal stories like that don't necessary address the effectiveness of the program overall," he said.

Rep. Koehler replied: "I guess I'm not worried about the bigger picture as much as I'm worried about the next Walter Banks."

He also questioned the concern about costs, citing previous testimony that the number of students eligible for the program would not participate.

Mr. DiMauro said OEA doesn't anticipate a large uptake either, but projections on the low end would result in significant costs.

Further, he suggested the expanded voucher program may not be necessary if the argument in favor of it is that not many students will participate.

Jeanne Melvin with Public Education Partners and Sarah Stitzlien, a professor of education at the University of Cincinnati, also provided written testimony in opposition to the bill.

**HB 235** **EDUCATION PLAN (Gavarone, T.)** Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

The goal of the legislation is to ensure the General Assembly has a say in the state's Every Student Succeeds Act education plan that's being prepped for submission to the federal government in September, sponsoring **Rep. Theresa Gavarone** (R-Bowling Green) said. The measure requires the Department of Education to submit to each member of education standing committees a written copy of the state plan not later than 30 days prior to the date on which the plan will be implemented.

It also creates a process through which the plan cannot be implemented until after the General Assembly has adopted a concurrent resolution prior to the date on which the plan is scheduled to be effective.

"There were over 40 stakeholders who attended the hearings held by the Joint Education Oversight Committee in early March that overwhelmingly suggested a delayed submission" of the plan, Rep. Gavarone said. "It is the hope of HB235 that the members of the General Assembly will be able to provide their approval of ESSA before its effect on all of Ohio's schools, teachers, parents, and administrators."

**Rep. Teresa Fedor** (D-Toledo) said she's supportive of the bill, but questioned whether it should allow the committee to review the ODE plan 30 days prior to submission September rather than implementation at the state of the 2018-19 school year.

The sponsor said she will check on the language. "Perhaps it should read 'submission of the plan,'" she said.

Chairman **Rep. Andy Brenner** (R-Powell) said he expects the bill to move quickly through committee, but there will be an opportunity for amendments that have been proposed by ODE and lawmakers looking to change the ESSA plan.

**SB 8** **SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY & SAFETY (Gardner, R., Terhar, L.)** To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Sen. Randy Gardner** (R-Bowling Green) said in prepared testimony that the bill creates a "permissive option to help school districts in Ohio provide for improved IT infrastructure, school security or other measures to directly support student learning and student safety."

The measure would allow schools that are low on the School Facilities Commission's priority funding list to receive dollars now for technology and safety upgrades.

A companion measure (**HB 37**) has been introduced and is also up for consideration in the committee.

Sen. Gardner urged the committee to complete its work on the bill before summer break so that districts can begin preparing to apply for funding at the start of the next school year.


The districts most likely to take advantage of the change are those that have low state share amounts and are far down OSFC's priority funding list, despite it being unlikely the district could raise local dollars for infrastructure projects, Sen. Lou Terhar (R-Cincinnati) said.

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**State Tax Revenue Continues To Tank But Budget Office Still Sees Coffers Ending Fiscal Year In The Black**

Tax revenue fell below estimates for the ninth straight month in May and now stands \$840.7 million in arrears compared to original budget planning numbers, the Office of Budget and Management reported Tuesday.

Preliminary revenue data show lagging personal income tax receipts continue to be the main culprit, as the category came in \$88.7 million, or nearly 14%, behind schedule.

State coffers gained some of that underage back in other taxes collected in May, most notably the commercial activity tax, which was almost \$27 million (10.6%) above estimates for the month. However, total tax intake for May was \$67 million, or 3.3%, less than OBM anticipated when planning for state budget expenditures several months ago.

OBM Director Tim Keen saw the writing on the wall earlier this year when he announced along with legislative leaders that plans for the upcoming two-year state spending plan would have to be adjusted downward considerably. Republican leaders have subsequently expressed concerns that the plummeting trajectory of PIT collections may force budget crafters to make an even larger adjustment during conference committee deliberations later this month.

Director Keen said in an interview that the shortfall is consistent with what analysts expected when they announced the need to adjust spending downward by at least \$800 million.

He said the sales tax could be affected by a variety of factors, including price deflation, a shift from purchases of goods to services and a shift in buying patterns from brick-and-mortar stores toward online retailers, which aren't necessarily taxed.

"On the withholding side of the personal income tax, we know we're a manufacturing dependent state, there was some weakness in manufacturing over the past couple of years, through the end of last year, and that manifests itself in some of the withholding results that we've seen," he said.

He said the weakness in tax receipts has been consistent over about the past 18 months, and that the state will have to adjust accordingly.

"I think what we just have to do is adapt to what we have seen as we put the next budget together," he said. "We will take what we have seen in our revised estimates later this month and try to put together appropriately conservative revenue estimates that we think will reflect the economy and the tax liability that Ohioans will have."

Agency spokesman John Charlton said analysts still see the state ending FY 2017 in the black. That's because spending on state programs, especially Ohio's share of Medicaid, has significantly lagged projections for the year.

OBM's monthly financial report issued in May showed General Revenue Fund underspending at about \$1.17 billion, with Medicaid accounting for more than \$872 million of the total.

Nevertheless, since the upcoming budget will be built on reduced revenue assumptions moving forward, officials are still planning for less spending in the FY 2018-2019 plan compared to the levels initially proposed by Gov. John Kasich.

Mr. Charlton said it remains to be seen how much adjusting will be necessary in conference committee. The final projections will be made available to conferees in a couple of weeks, he said.

The latest revenue numbers come a week ahead of the Senate's unveiling of its first round of changes to the biennial budget measure (HB 49). Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) has already signaled that the chamber will cut spending in the document well below what was approved in the House.

Democrats, meanwhile, continued to blame tax cuts for the wealthy for the lagging revenue.

"The TV weatherman is right more than Ohio Republicans have been about Ohio's financial future," House Minority Leader Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton) and Rep. Jack Cera (D-Bellaire) said in a statement. "Meanwhile, with every month that passes, taxpayers have a front row seat to see how years of deep cuts to schools and communities, tax shifting and tax giveaways for millionaires and billionaires are pushing our economy further out of balance and charting a collision course of uncertainty and failure."

The Kasich Administration has said repeatedly that the tax cuts helped create jobs and are not responsible for revenue coming in below projections.

### **Agencies Ask Senate To Keep House Budget Changes On Drug Crisis**

Representatives of behavioral health and children services agencies urged the Senate Tuesday to maintain programs and funding added to the budget by the House to fight the opiate crisis.

The \$170 million in funding and earmarks the House included in the budget bill (HB 49) includes money for stabilization and treatment centers, kinship care and children services agencies affected by the state's drug problem. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 25, 2017)

Representatives from county behavioral health providers and children services agencies told the Senate Finance Committee that, despite the tight budget situation lawmakers face with struggling revenue, the money is badly needed.

Cheri Walter, CEO of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, said the mental health and addiction system can't keep up with the need. She urged the Senate to maintain increased funding added in the House for drug addiction and mental health.

"The opiate epidemic just is continuing to grow," she said.

She said boards looked at what was needed to maintain their continuum of care, and saw that detox and isolation services were the most lacking. The House changes include money for new detox and crisis centers.

"If there's one area that cries for additional funds, it's addressing people who have an opiate addiction or a mental illness," she said. "We've got to do something different or we're going to continue to see more people die from overdoses and suicides."

She said the facilities would be expected to treat about 7,400 people a year.

Sen. Michael Skindell (D-Lakewood) asked what would happen to patients after the seven days they stay in a center for withdrawal.

"To address this, do you need a greater amount of patients to stay beyond that seven days for withdrawal?" he asked.

Ms. Walter said it depends on the individual. Some people just need to get out of their environment, some can go back after getting on medication-assisted treatment, some need recovery housing and some need residential treatment.

Angela Sausser, executive director of the Public Children Services Association of Ohio, said the opiate crisis is putting a serious burden on the children services system.

"Ohio's children services system has received no new state funding to address this epidemic and the surge in cases. In fact, state funds for county children services agencies were cut 21% in 2009 and have been flat funded since 2010," she said.

She urged the Senate to maintain the \$15 million per year increase added by the House and to find a way to add another \$15 million.

Sen. Charleta B. Tavares (D-Columbus) asked about the effect of the crisis across the state, because all agencies don't have levies to help support them.

Ms. Sausser said many counties that have levies are considering going back to voters for another levy.

## **Opponents Propose Making OVEC Subsidy Bypassable, Seek Other Changes**

Witnesses on Tuesday suggested lawmakers make a proposed subsidy for co-owners of the Ohio Valley Electric Corporation plants bypassable, among other changes.

Their suggestions came during the House Public Utilities Committee's third hearing on a bill (HB 239) that would permit AEP Ohio, Dayton Power & Light, Duke Energy and FirstEnergy or their subsidiaries to recoup costs stemming from OVEC's operation.

At the same time, opponents said the bill would drive up consumer costs and further tie the state to outdated energy sources by propping up two coal-fired plants. And they pushed back on sponsor and proponent claims the bill ties into the nation's current national security interests.

Industrial Energy Users-Ohio counsel Sam Randazzo testified as an interested party, making several suggestions that he said would improve the legislation. In addition to making the charges bypassable, he said charges that aren't bypassable should be capped and sunsetted after a certain date.

"From my perspective, the more important thing is to make sure the owners and people who have control of these facilities have skin in the game, so they're still motivated to fix the problems that exist at OVEC," Mr. Randazzo replied to a query from Chairman Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati).

Rep. Rick Carfagna (R-Westerville), who sponsored the bill with Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell), asked whether making the provision bypassable would benefit OVEC owners' competitors, which could then tout that their customers don't bear those costs.

"We only get into that scenario because somebody decided customers should be responsible for OVEC costs," Mr. Randazzo answered. "So our primary pitch is: don't transfer costs to customers and we don't have the problem you just described."

Michael Kurtz, counsel to the Ohio Energy Group, also suggested making the charges bypassable. He added that lawmakers should adopt a circuit breaker that would trigger if the rider exceeds 5% of the standard service offer for non-shoppers.

He said the legislation should authorize rather than mandate cost recovery and suggested requiring OVEC owners to absorb 20% of their share of net costs, effectively ensuring they are incentivized to reduce costs and maximize revenues.

Opponents argued the legislation would undermine the open market, but proponents in previous testimony said it would have little if any impact on the markets and that it would recognize the companies' contributions to national security. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 31, 2017)

"It is consistent with state policy as customers will retain the ability to shop for the retail supplier of their choice and it will not impact wholesale markets or competition," Amy Spiller, Duke's deputy general counsel, said. "Finally, it preserves customer protection including appropriate regulatory oversight by FERC and the PUCO."

But witnesses Tuesday urged the committee to scrap the bill because it will drive up customer costs. They also questioned the premise that the bill is tied to national security as sponsors and proponents have suggested. Although OVEC formed at the request of the Atomic Energy Commission during the 1950s, the plants no longer serve that security function, they said.

"They used to be national security assets, but starting in 2000, they just became power plants," the Sierra Club's Nachy Kanfer said. Utilities' investment since 2000, he said, "has turned out to be a bad decision, but that's not Ohio customers' fault and it has nothing to do with national security."

Michael Haugh of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel argued Ohio already has the 18<sup>th</sup> highest average residential rate for electricity and that the bill could only worsen that statistic.

"The owners of OVEC are asking for passage of a bill that would make millions of Ohio customers pay more subsidies," Mr. Haugh said. "The utilities are seeking to shift the investor risk for OVEC to their customers. That is unfair to Ohio families and businesses who would pay this subsidy."

Other opponents testifying or submitting written testimony include the Ohio Manufacturers' Association, the Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund, the Ohio League of Women Voters, Clean Energy Future, the Environmental Defense Fund, and Ohio Citizen Action.

Rep. Seitz has said he expects the bill to receive a committee vote the week of June 20. A Senate companion bill (SB 155) is scheduled for a second hearing Thursday before the Senate Public Utilities Committee.

### **Business, City Interests Urge Retention Of House Amendments To BWC Budget**

Business interests, local governments and citizens on Tuesday spoke in favor of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation's two-year budget.

The bill (HB 27) contains several controversial provisions, including a prohibition on coverage of illegal aliens, which several individuals urged members of the Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee to keep in the budget.

Business interests and the Ohio Municipal League, however, spoke in favor of other portions of the bill.

Josh Brown, director of communications for OML, told members of the panel that a provision regarding firefighter cancer coverage was a compromise reached between cities and villages and the firefighters' union. The language puts the burden on the employers of cancer-stricken firefighters to prove, based on scientific evidence, that the cancer in question could not have resulted from a firefighter's exposure to a carcinogen while on the job.

Sen. Edna Brown (D-Toledo) questioned another provision in the bill that would shorten the statute of limitations to file a claim from two years to just one.

Mr. Brown took no position on the provision, but nonetheless urged members to support the bill as a whole.

But in written testimony, others expressed support for that portion of the \$566.5 million measure.

"Early reporting of an injury leads to faster treatment and better outcomes for all parties," wrote Don Boyd, director of labor and legal affairs at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. "This will increase efficiency and provide greater predictability in the workers' compensation setting. Further, this provision does not change the statute of limitations for occupational diseases that may develop over a longer period of time."

Chris Ferruso, legislative director of the NFIB/Ohio, also provided written testimony in support of the provision, which he said will put Ohio in line with 19 other states.

"We believe the earlier an injury gets reported and treated, the better it is for all parties involved," he wrote. "This reform will provide a degree of certainty for business owners so an injury that occurred nearly two years ago does not appear out of nowhere and disqualify them from group discount programs."

Mr. Ferruso also expressed support for a provision that he said is aimed at making sure injured workers are engaged in the return to work process and another that will allow the BWC to clear its backlog of permanent partial disability requests.

OML Executive Director Kent Scarrett said in written testimony that the backlog numbers 20,000.

Under the provision, the BWC will be permitted to dismiss a claim after the injured worker misses two appointments with no notice.

"As with current practice, the BWC could only dismiss the claims after numerous attempts to contact the injured worker," he wrote. "Meanwhile, the provisions would continue to protect the workers by allowing them to re-file such claims after dismissal."

Others provided written testimony in favor of the most controversial aspect of the bill, which would allow the state to deny benefits to illegal aliens.

"Illegal aliens are not able to receive food stamps, Medicaid (unless emergency), and unemployment compensation here in Ohio. Why Workman's Compensation benefits?" John Muzik asked.

Julie Aldrich of Portage County raised the specter that some illegal aliens who have left the country are receiving benefits while working.

"As it stands prior to HB27 an illegal alien who receives benefits from BWC and is either deported or returns willingly to his home country, it would be extremely difficult to observe the illegal alien for fraud," she wrote.

Arzella Melnyk of Lake County said the legislation will hold "unscrupulous employers accountable that choose to hire anyone that cannot legally work in Ohio."

Chairman Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark), who last week expressed skepticism about the illegal alien provision (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 30, 2017), said a vote on the bill is likely to occur on June 20.

### **House Panel Advances Computer Science Learning Standards Opposed By Democrats**

A measure creating computer science standards for schools was reported out of a House committee on Tuesday without Democrat support.

The measure (HB 170), which moved through the House Education and Career Readiness Committee, caught opposition from some lawmakers because it would allow students to substitute computer science courses for Algebra II in districts that have adopted the permissive standards.

Members on Tuesday also approved an amendment ensuring that only advanced computer science course meeting certain criteria would be eligible to replace the math course as a graduation requirement. The change did little to allay concerns, however.

"I think we should be encouraging students to go into computer science, but I don't want to sacrifice what is necessary," Rep. Dan Ramos (D-Lorain) said, arguing that knowledge of Algebra II is required to pursue a career in computer science or engineering.

Republicans tabled an amendment he offered to prohibit substitutions for Algebra II.

Rep. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) said she couldn't support the legislation because she wanted to gather more stakeholder input on the substitution of courses.

"Too many times in Ohio we put the cart before the horse and we have to back the cart back into the bar and start over and all these kids in the meantime are stuck in the vortex of all our mistakes of not being thorough," she said.

Pointing out that more than 30 witnesses testified in support of the measure over the course of five hearings, Chairman Rep. Andy Brenner (R-Powell) said there is nothing that would preclude students from taking Algebra II in addition to an advanced computer science course.

"We've got great guidance counselors in the state of Ohio who do their jobs and make sure every student is on the best pathway that works best for them," he said, suggesting that students who are college bound would likely enroll in Algebra II.

The Department of Education helped create the accepted amendment, which agency legislative liaison Brad Ingraham said would give students flexibility to explore their interests in computer science while still engaging in advanced coursework.

"The amendment will ensure that only a course of equivalent rigor...may be an alternative to Algebra II," he said, telling the committee that the math course became a graduation requirement in the 2012-13 school year.

The department also backed another amendment approved by the committee that clarifies teachers who are endorsed for computer technology must have content knowledge of computer science before teaching classes on the topic. Mr. Ingraham said Ohio doesn't currently offer a computer science endorsement for teachers.

Members also accepted an amendment from the chairman that permits e-schools to establish computer science and technology funds. The original bill permitted all other types of schools to create such funds.

### **Employees Push Back Against Employer-Mandated Flu Vaccinations**

Individual health professionals are urging lawmakers to approve legislation that would make it illegal for employers to fire workers who refuse to get flu shots.

More than 20 witnesses, many affiliated with Ohio Advocates for Medical Freedom, submitted testimony in support of the measure (HB 193) to the House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee on Tuesday.

Sponsored by Rep. Christina Hagan (R-Alliance), the bill is aimed at hospitals and other health care environments where the federal government encourages policies requiring employees to be vaccinated against the flu each year.

Tina Wise, a veteran pharmacist who works at a pediatric hospital, said Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations for flu shots are misguided.

"(Hospitals) claim they have to mandate the flu vaccine to protect their most vulnerable, immunocompromised patients, but the reality of how we protect those patients - how we place them in isolation, how we diligently wash our hands, how we wear protective garb and masks when we are in direct care of those patients - is a completely separate issue from how a flu vaccine actually works," she said.

"I hate to burst everyone's bubble, but flu vaccines do not stop the transmission of any virus outside the body. Both vaccinated and unvaccinated people can spread viruses and bacteria by coughing on or touching a contaminated door knob or surface and then touching hospital equipment or the patients themselves. Flu vaccines do not stop the transmission of any of the 200+ viruses that can cause influenza-like illnesses or any other virus that could be detrimental to our patients."

For the first 20 years of her career, Ms. Wise said she was never questioned about her flu vaccine status, but policies changed about 14 years ago, and now all employees entering her hospital - including contracted workers - must be vaccinated.

She said she hired legal counsel to ensure she wouldn't have to get the vaccine and went through what she called an "arduous" process that included many meetings and various forms of verification before she was permitted to forgo the shot.

Those who aren't eligible for medical or religious exemptions and don't get the shot could face corrective action, up to and including termination, she said.

"The single most disturbing thing about this situation is the on-going violation of a person's right to informed medical consent by holding their job over their head if they don't comply," Ms. Wise said.

Sherri Tenpenny, an osteopathic doctor working in Cuyahoga County, also told the panel in prepared testimony that the flu shot is not effective enough to warrant requiring it as a term of employment.

She pointed to CDC data from 1998-2008 that show the more than 200 strains of the virus caused flu-like illness only 13.9% of the time.

In addition to not protecting against transmission of the virus to others, research shows the rate of employees vaccinated does not correlate to fewer missed work days because of illness, Ms. Tenpenny said.

She also shared with the committee details on the ingredients of flu shots, describing some of them as "problematic" and saying they can cause common reactions.

"Do you want those ingredients injected into your body in exchange for your job?" Mr. Tenpenny asked. "Punishing an informed person who refuses the flu shot by firing them or otherwise discriminating against them is a misuse of governmental power and overreach of public health."

Michelle Cotterman, a registered nurse, also questioned the safety of the vaccine and said employees should have the right to choose whether to get it.

"In 2006, influenza vaccines were added to the table of injuries eligible for compensation through the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program," she said. "Influenza vaccine now is

named in the majority of all the VICP petitions - almost two-thirds of all paid injury claims."

A few of those who submitted testimony say they were injured as a result of the vaccination they were required to receive in order to keep their jobs.

Jennifer Daniel, a registered nurse, said she was unable to get a medical exemption from her workplace despite her personal doctor advising against it because of past allergic reactions to medicines and vaccines.

There are only a handful of conditions that result in serious reactions to the vaccine that make individuals eligible for medical exemption, she said.

**Subscribers Note:** Complete testimony is available on the committee's website under June 6.

### **Industry, Environmental Groups Plug Bill To Address 'Orphan' Oil And Gas Wells Across State**

In a rare convergence of agreement on oil and gas exploration issues, representatives of the industry and a state environmental advocacy group voiced support Tuesday for a bill dealing with abandoned, or "orphan" wells.

Sponsored by Rep. Andy Thompson (R-Marietta), the measure (HB 225) would pump more funding into and expedite an existing program that critics say isn't moving quickly enough to address what are likely thousands of unused wells that date to a time when there was little to no regulatory oversight of the industry.

Witnesses testifying before the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee described a landscape dotted with hundreds of known wells and likely hundreds of others that haven't been discovered because they've been farmed over and covered by urban developments.

While the measure would require the Department of Natural Resources to do assessments and prioritize the more problematic wells for plugging, one industry witness said the state should also consider those wells that have been on the abandoned list for years and may be deteriorating to the detriment of the water table.

Rep. Thompson said his bill generally aims to "help property owners and the state to move more expeditiously to identify and plug idle or orphaned wells."

"There is a sense of urgency to this topic: Most of the orphan wells that have been identified emit methane gas in addition to often contributing to the runoff of oil and brine into the soil. As the casing on these wells deteriorates, large areas of groundwater can be contaminated because of the direct pathway that an abandoned well offers. We need to take action to reduce the risk posed to our citizens, to groundwater and to the environment generally," he said.

The sponsor said orphan wells have been identified in 58 of Ohio's 88 counties, mostly in northwest, northeast, and southeast Ohio. "Many of these wells were drilled several generations ago. Under the current orphan well program, it is estimated that it would take 20+ years to plug all of the (more than 600) known orphan wells in the state," he said.

With costs to plug the wells being an average of \$25,000-\$35,000 range, many landowners neglect to report them, the sponsor said. "HB225 eliminates that fear by protecting landowners who are not the original owners of the orphan wells from the costs that come with plugging those wells. At the same time, the property owner will not be taxed on improvement that is being made to their property under this upgraded program."

Under the measure, landowners whose property contains an orphan well will be able to notify ODNR and receive an inspection within 30 days. Additional funding for the program would be provided by increasing the percentage of severance tax payments that get deposited into the state's Oil and Gas Producers Fund from 14% to 45%. The sponsor said the fund currently holds about \$31 million.

Mr. Thompson said there's an economic benefit to the proposal, as the state could hire contractors from a list of 28 firms that have already been certified to plug wells under the current program.

"The slowdown in oil and gas activity over the past two-and-a-half years has hurt these same companies," he said. "Plugging orphaned and idle wells represents an opportunity to help these companies get back on their feet - along with their workforce - while resolving a serious environmental and public health concern."

The bill earned immediate support from the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, the Ohio Oil & Gas Association and the Ohio Environmental Council.

Jenna Beadle, director of state policy for the OFBF, noted that an estimated 250,000 wells have been drilled throughout the state dating to the late 1800s.

"Over the decades drillers have gone bankrupt, companies have merged, leases have expired, production assets have changed hands, and developers are lost to history. Current ownership of some infrastructure still on the land is untraceable," she said. "Some landowners are left to address deteriorating well casings that expose adjoining soil and water resources to pollution."

Ms. Beadle said the bill would "strengthen the rules governing orphan wells by creating a schedule for plugging the wells based on the level of urgency associated with the well site."

"Some of these wells are capped fairly well and do not need to be addressed right away. There are many though that pose a great risk to the environment and safety of surrounding wildlife, waterways, and farm fields. ODNR would be able to perform a risk

assessment, develop a strategy to plug the potentially thousands of orphan wells in the state, and begin addressing those that have been designated a high priority by the department," she added.

OBBF also supported the plan to bolster the orphan well fund. "At a time when farmers have incurred an average property tax increase of 300%, they cannot be further burdened by the current taxes associated with plugging a well," she said. "Exempting these funds would encourage more landowners to report the existence of orphan wells on their property, create additional financial resources for communities to address this issue, and would create collaboration between ODNR, local governments, and rural residents."

OOGA Executive Vice President Shawn Bennett said that while the state has identified 500-600 orphaned wells, there are likely many thousands more. He provided the panel a history of the Idle and Orphan Well Program, which dates to 1976 and was the first program of its type in the Appalachian Basin, saying the industry would like to see it enhanced.

"Given the amount of revenue contributed to the oil and gas fund, we believe we should be allocating far more resources to this important program," he said.

"The industry strongly supports the I&O program and believes that it is proper for taxes levied on production to be used to correct problems that may have arisen from the early, historic days of the industry. We are proud to point out that our industry directly supports this critical environmental, health and safety issue. Assuring that orphaned wells are plugged is the responsible thing to do and demonstrates our commitment to the welfare of Ohio's citizens."

While ODNR's Oil and Gas Division is "flush" with severance tax revenue thanks to the shale boom, it only allocates \$3 million a year to the program "even though it is legally required to allocate 14% of the previous fiscal year's funds," Mr. Bennett said.

"If the program is given adequate funding, we as an industry are ready and willing participants to help solve a problem that has plagued our state for decades. If this money isn't spent, we as an industry fear it will be pilfered and used for other programs as was done during the Celeste Administration, which would once again skirt the obligations the division is legally required to perform."

Rep. Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster) asked if the witness was aware of any opposition to the proposal. Mr. Bennett said he couldn't see why given that any type of additional regulation on the industry would probably pale in comparison to the environmental benefits the bill would accomplish.

Mr. Bennett also relayed support for the provisions in the bill regarding ODNR risk assessments, and its tangential industry benefits. Regarding the latter, he said of idled operators, "It would give them something to do, to move forward and get back to work."

Responding to other questions from the panel, Mr. Bennett said: wells could be plugged using Ohio resources such as clay from the Logan area and local concrete; the intent would be to permanently cap the orphan wells; the cost and duration of the each process depends on several factors such as well pressure, casing and condition; the state likely has enough manpower to ramp up the program given the current slowdown in drilling activities; and a reduction in "red tape" would be beneficial to expediting the work.

"If you make it streamlined, we will come in there and do it," he said.

William Kinney, owner and president of Summit Petroleum, Inc., also made a plug for reducing bureaucratic hurdles, telling Rep. Christina Hagan (R-Alliance) that an example of burdensome regulations is a "double containment" requirement that may not be necessary for smaller jobs.

Sometimes, he said, "not many wells get plugged because they are afraid of the rules."

Rep. Hagan suggested the matter may be ripe for review by the state's Common Sense Initiative on agency rule promulgation.

Mr. Kenney said an overarching frustration with the state's program is its slow pace.

"There's a huge amount of money that's available for plugging that's just not being spent," he said.

Melanie Houston, director of Oil and Gas for the Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund, also relayed her group's support for the bill.

"Orphan wells pose a hazard to the environment and to human health and safety," she said. "Until they are located and properly plugged, they are pathways to pollution."

Ms. Houston said the risks include fire, overflow of oil or brine into ecologically sensitive areas like streams, and underwater contamination. She noted orphan wells have been found under buildings, houses, lawns and recreation areas in both rural and urban settings.

OEC, she said, particularly supports components of the bill that: requires ODNR to create rules to prioritize wells for plugging; mandates that the agency respond to landowners with wells in a timely fashion with inspections and reports and action on high priority wells within six months; and the additional funding for the program.

### **Prosecutors Continue Opposition To Death Penalty Exemption Bill**

The state's prosecutors are once again fighting back against a bill that would spare individuals from the death penalty.

The legislation (HB 81) would exempt from the death penalty those diagnosed with schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder or delusional disorder at the time a capital offense was committed.

Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association Executive Director John Murphy said the measure is "unnecessary to address any legitimate concerns about the application of the death penalty to the mentally ill or disabled."

"Ohio law and federal precedent already protect the defendant suffering mental disorder in several ways," he told the House Criminal Justice Committee.

Those ways include a ruling by a court that an individual is not competent enough to stand trial and a not guilty by reasons of insanity defense.

Mr. Murphy also said federal and state court precedents protect those with mental impairments from being executed by the state.

Ohio's death penalty statute, Mr. Murphy said, includes mitigating factors that could include mental illness and disability issues.

"This bill expands mental illness considerations far beyond what is necessary and will bar consideration of the death penalty in inappropriate circumstances."

Mr. Murphy said the mental health conditions covered under the bill are too broad and ill defined.

"While some include conditions that are quite serious, of course, they also include depression, thought disorders, lack of motivation, lack of ability to focus and concentrate, mood swings, feelings of sadness, anxiety, guilt, anger, isolation, hopelessness," he said. "While these issues could be raised as factors in mitigation, they are too indefinite and amorphous to form the basis of a presumption against the death penalty."

Mr. Murphy also took issue with the bill's lack of distinction between severe, moderate and minimal levels of a condition. He said it would be more proper to continue to allow judge and jury to consider the severity of a condition and weigh it against other factors in a case.

He also warned the legislation has the potential to flood the court system.

Sponsoring Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) took issue with several portions of the testimony, and before he began his questioning, he remarked, "Your fervor for executing the mentally ill is interesting."

He asked if it is true that incompetence to stand trial and federal legal precedent that bars a person who does not understand the nature of a punishment and why it is being

imposed cannot be executed applies to one's state of mind at the time a crime was committed.

Mr. Murphy acknowledged that they do not.

Rep. Seitz then asked why those with serious mental illness should be treated differently than those who are deemed to be mentally retarded, citing a U.S. Supreme Court decision that found it unconstitutional to execute individuals with IQs below a certain level.

"At least in the retardation situation, we have a line, we have a rule," Mr. Murphy said.

Rep. Seitz also questioned Mr. Murphy on his mitigating factor testimony, saying previous witnesses have said jurors are more likely to treat serious mental illness as an aggravating factor.

"I think we can trust our jurors a little more than that," Mr. Murphy said.

Another point of contention was his list of ailments or mental conditions that he said would be covered. Rep. Seitz said those are simply symptoms of the severe mental illnesses covered under the bill.

Similar legislation (SB162, 131st General Assembly) cleared a Senate panel last year but did not receive a vote on the floor.

### **Study Finds Ohio's Open Enrollees Score Better On State Exams, Are More Likely To Graduate On Time**

Ohio students who open enroll in schools outside their assigned districts score better on state tests and are more likely to graduate on time, a new study shows.

The study, commissioned by the Fordham Institute, analyzed data from the more than 70,000 students who are open-enrolled to examine their academic outcomes compared to their peers who remained in their assigned districts.

"In rural communities and small towns, where education choices are typically very limited, open enrollment provides an important option for families," said Chad Aldis, vice president for Ohio policy and advocacy for the Fordham Institute. "This study indicates that students who use open enrollment to transfer to another district, and then commit to it, are likely to benefit."

Researchers note in the report that they can't prove causality, but students who were consistently open enrolled gained about two to four percentiles on state math and reading exams when compared to non-open enrollees.

Those that weren't consistent open-enrollees did not experience gains or losses in comparison to their peers who attended their assigned schools, the findings show.

In the study, consistent students are defined as those that were open enrolled each year of the study - from 2008-2014 - and took state tests.

When test results are broken down by ethnicity, the report shows that consistent African American students saw larger gains than other open enrollees, as much as ten percentile points in math and reading.

Consistent open enrollment throughout high school also increases the probability of on-time graduation by 10%, according to the analysis.

Mr. Aldis said the findings point to a need for the expansion of school choice opportunities for low-income and minority students.

"The troubling irony is that the data indicate urban, minority students benefit the most from open enrollment. Regrettably, they also have the fewest open enrollment options, as most suburban districts refuse to admit non-resident students," he said.

"With upward mobility more difficult than ever, providing more high-quality public-school options must be an urgent priority - especially for low-income and minority students. Instead of continued efforts to curtail parental choice through opposition to Ohio's charter school and school voucher efforts, districts with the capacity to admit additional students might be better served by welcoming children from nearby areas."

About 80% of Ohio's schools participate in voluntary open enrollment, some accepting students statewide and others enrolling only students from adjacent school districts, the report shows. Nearly all the districts that don't offer open enrollment are higher-income suburban districts surrounding the state's largest cities.

#### **Politics Notebook: Lawmaker Wants State Park Drilling Out Of Budget; Renacci Pans Columbus Immigrant Vote; Chamber Opposes Drug Issue**

Sen. Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati) on Tuesday objected to language in the biennial budget measure (HB 49) to allow oil and gas drilling in local parks and other public lands.

"Ohio families spend time together in our beautiful parks every day. We need to preserve these areas for future generations to enjoy. There are plenty of other places available for drilling that will not take valuable green space away from our citizens," he said in a statement.

"Republican legislators have been trying to drill in our parks for years. They always meet strong opposition, because it's pretty easy to see this idea is wrong for Ohio. The Ohio Senate Democrats have offered several amendments to this year's budget to remove this troubling language and preserve our natural resources for centuries to come."

**Columbus Vote:** Columbus City Council voted Monday to ban arrests or service denials based on a person's immigration status, stopping short of a "sanctuary city" declaration.

Nevertheless, U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci (R-Alliance), a gubernatorial candidate, declared the city's policy was just that in a scathing statement issued Tuesday that channeled President Donald Trump. He also likened the city's move to the pushback of civil rights laws.

"Last night's attempt by the Columbus City Council to nullify federal immigration law is an appalling affront to both the immigrants who built this country and the system of laws that govern it," he said. "While deeply troubling, this 'nullification' movement to undermine federal policy is actually nothing new - it's the very same failed tactic employed during the 1960s by local governments who opposed federal civil rights laws and sought to preserve the racist relics of a segregated society."

"Those leading the 'sanctuary city' movement today regurgitate the same hollow arguments that fueled segregation and perpetuated bigotry in America for decades, and as Ohio's next governor I will neither accept nor cower to it," Mr. Renacci added. "As governor I will utilize all tools at my disposal to prohibit this morally and intellectually bankrupt behavior, including withholding state funding to localities that declare themselves 'sanctuary cities'."

**Chamber Position:** The Ohio Chamber of Commerce has come out against a proposed ballot issue on state prescription drug purchases, saying Tuesday its board voted to oppose "the ill-conceived and poorly written Ohio Drug Price Relief Act" targeted for the November ballot because it would "impose unworkable contracting requirements on the state of Ohio whenever it purchases any prescription drugs."

"The prescription drug purchasing issue is yet another example of an out-of-state special interest misusing Ohio's ballot access process in an effort to advance its own interests - at the expense of Ohio citizens and taxpayers," Chamber President and CEO Andrew Doehrel said. "This proposal would almost certainly lead to cost-shifting to private payers, including employers, perversely resulting in a majority of Ohioans paying more, not less, for their prescription drugs."

"While it is so convoluted that it likely couldn't work as intended, we're concerned that a similar approach could be expanded to any other industry or product the state purchases if it were successful," he added. "Further, the proposal runs counter to the free market values that the Ohio Chamber stands for and is nothing more than an attempt to artificially fix drug prices."

#### **Agency Briefs: Aviation Panel Announces Appointees; OPP Meeting Postponed Third Time; Auditor; DSA**

The Ohio Aerospace and Aviation Technology Committee met Tuesday to announce the appointment of public members to the panel.

The committee consists of 21 members: three legislators from each chamber, one public member appointed by the governor, and fourteen public appointees chosen from the military, industry, and academia.

The following 15 public members were appointed to the committee: David Williams (Columbus), Robert Tanner (Delaware), Terrence Slaybaugh (Vandalia), Ronald Shroder (West Chester), Vincent Russo (Dayton), Jeffrey Rolf (Brecksville), Paul Orkwis (Loveland), Maureen McFarland (Kent), Virgil Johnson (Wellington), Adam Holmes (Nashport), Michael Heil (Hinckley), Carlos Grodsinsky (Hinckley), Joseph Coogan (Worthington), and Tony Bailey (Dublin). The governor's appointee is John Leland (Kettering).

Chairman Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) said the appointees represent a variety of disciplines as well as geographic diversity. The legislative members also acknowledged that those applicants who were not chosen as appointees were also excellent, and their professional experience is valued.

The committee also selected Sen. Sean O'Brien (D-Hubbard) as the new secretary of the committee.

The next meeting of the full committee will take place on June 16 at the Youngstown Air Reserve Station.

**Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics:** The board's June meeting has been postponed, the third meeting date this year to be postponed due to members' scheduling conflicts.

Three seats remain vacant on the seven-member board, and four members must be present for the board to take any official action.

The meeting has been rescheduled for 10 a.m. July 11, at 77 S. High St. (room to be determined). The agenda can be found on the OPP website one week prior to the next meeting.

**Auditor:** The City of Portsmouth could save \$1 million if it follows the recommendations of a performance audit released by the auditor's office.

Portsmouth received the audit after being in "fiscal watch" since 2013. The city has had issues in the past with negative cash balances and appropriations exceeding the city's resources.

By adopting a more cost-effective health plan and increasing the employee share of the cost, Portsmouth could save \$359,000. The audit also recommended trying to recoup \$614,000 in delinquent water and sewage billing.

Other recommendations include the development of a work-order system for the water and wastewater departments, the creation of a preventative maintenance program for

city vehicles, and the use of workload-based analysis for determining appropriate staffing levels for police and firefighters.

A separate release announced that an audit of the Pickerington Local School District (Fairfield County) discovered \$557 missing from library fines and student fees collected by the Tussing Elementary School.

Betty Stewart, the school's building secretary, attested to receiving the full amount of \$596 from the librarian, but only \$60 was deposited with the district and posted to its account ledgers.

"It's evident that the district and its schools need to upgrade their internal controls," Auditor Dave Yost said. "Any time the deposits don't match the collections, a red flag should immediately signal a closer inspection."

The \$557 finding for recovery was repaid by anonymous donors in April.

**Development Services:** The agency has chosen seven partners to help small disadvantaged businesses through the Minority Business Assistance Centers Program.

"Through our partnerships across the state, minority-owned businesses will be better supported in their growth and development," said Jeffrey Johnson, chief of the Minority Business Development Division at the ODSA.

The program offers free counseling, state certification support, and training to minority-owned businesses. The partners of the MBAC programs are non-profit organizations, economic development organizations, and educational institutions with experience in business development.

### **Governor's Appointments**

**Ohio Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission:** Eddie M. Sipplen of Akron (Summit Co.) and Rev. Joel L. King Jr. of Gahanna (Franklin Co.) were reappointed for terms beginning June 5 and ending December 30, 2019.

**Early Childhood Advisory Council:** Gail Montana of Canton (Stark Co.) for a term beginning June 6 and continuing at the pleasure of the Governor.

**Southern Ohio Agricultural and Community Development Foundation:** Eric T. Wolfer of Fayetteville (Brown Co.) and Larry W. Hall of Georgetown (Brown Co.) for terms beginning June 6 and ending June 2, 2022.

### **Supplemental Agency Calendar** **Friday, June 16**

Southern Ohio Agricultural & Community Development Foundation, OSU South Centers, 1864 Shyville Rd., Piketon, 9:30 a.m.

### **Supplemental Event Planner**

**Wednesday, June 7**

**Casino Control Commission to release May revenue figures, 1:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, June 20**

**Ohio House Republican Organizing Committee fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Gold Room, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$5,000; Sponsor: \$2,500; Host: \$1,000; Guest: \$500 to OHROC)**

**Rep. Scott Ryan (R-Newark) fundraiser, Pins Mechanical Co., 141 N. Fourth St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (Special Guest: Rep. Ryan Smith. \$2,500, \$1,000, \$500 or \$350 to Citizens for Scott Ryan)**

**Friday, October 13**

**OSBA Law & Media Conference, Ohio State Bar Association, 1700 Lake Shore Dr., Columbus, 9:30 a.m., (Registration at 8:30 a.m. For more information contact Halle Malcomb, hmalcomb@ohiobar.org)**

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## Senate Activity for Tuesday, June 6, 2017

### COMMITTEE HEARINGS

#### Insurance & Financial Institutions

**HB 27** **BWC BUDGET (Brinkman, T.)** To make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law, to make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau's programs. (**CONTINUED (See separate story)**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**Subscriber's Note:** For full testimony see the [committee's website](#) under June 6.

#### Finance

**HB 49** **BIENNIAL BUDGET (Smith, R.)** To provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs. (**CONTINUED**; 4th Hearing-Public testimony)

The committee heard public testimony on the budget bill, including testimony about programs fighting the drug crisis added by the House. (*See separate story*)

**Education:** Transportation funding and proposed changes to the Resident Educator Program were among several concerns raised by school districts.

Regarding the educator program, witnesses including the Ohio Association of Colleges and Teacher Education emphasized the program's effectiveness and argued against its elimination. A pair of staff members from Worthington City Schools also testified on the topic, with REP coordinator Connie Ball calling it a "challenging and excellent vehicle for creating teachers who are truly reflective practitioners and skillful educators."

When it comes to transportation, Josh Straus, Logan Hocking School District's technology coordinator, shared several concerns. He wants senators to retain a 50% funding multiplier in the current budget rather than cut the multiplier in half.

"I would also recommend that the Senate consider increasing supplemental transportation funding to districts, such as ours, with low wealth and low population density," he said.

"Lastly, I would recommend reinstating bus purchasing funds in order for districts to maintain a reasonable replacement cycle for busses."

Indian Valley Local Schools Superintendent Ira Wentworth had similar requests, including that the transportation supplement remain outside the formula and not tied to the state share index along with additional bus purchase dollars for high mileage districts.

The Ohio Education Service Center Association, meanwhile, requested flat funding for the ESC School Improvement earmark, which Director Craig Burford said would free up more than \$1.4 million to address the projected budget shortfall.

And two witnesses called for revisions to the sponsor system by which the state monitors online dropout prevention conversion schools. Findlay Digital Academy consultant Sandra

White said the sponsor system for such academies is "flawed" and disadvantageous to school districts, which have smaller staffs compared to larger sponsors.

Quaker Digital Academy CEO Richard Varrati added that the state's rollout this year was "unfair" in both its timing and the lack of an appeals process. Their suggestions include:

offering advance notice of the annual rubric, simplifying the rubric, and creating both an appeals process and a safe harbor provision for 2016-2017.

**Wind Setback:** Renewable energy companies and their allies continued pressing senators to reduce the wind turbine setback that they say has crippled wind farm development in the state.

**Sen. Cliff Hite** (R-Findlay) is offering an amendment to return the setback to its pre-2014 level which was 1.1 times the height of the turbine and Republican leaders expect other amendments on the topic to be offered. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 24, 2017)

**Sen. Michael Skindell** (D-Lakewood) said he submitted an amendment that takes the setback back to the original requirement.

Testifying for the American Wind Energy Association and Avangrid Renewables, Dayna Baird-Payne said not a single application for a wind farm has been submitted since the legislature increased the setback.

"If we want to hang a sign out saying Ohio is open for business to companies such as these, a natural and easy next step is removing the market barrier to wind development," Ms. Baird-Payne said. "This kind of economic development opportunity - both for the local areas and the state - should not be delayed any longer."

Van Wert County farmer Connie Moser, who resides near the Blue Creek Wind Farm, also urged action.

"Please allow the farmers of Ohio the right to participate in this opportunity," Ms. Moser said.

"Failing to correct the current setbacks will take that right away."

Others signaling their support included Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy, Apex Clean Energy, Everpower Wind Holdings, and Invenergy.

**Child Care:** Katie Kelly, executive director of PRE4CLE, a program to expand access to high-quality preschool in Cleveland, requested \$11 million per year for child care to support nearly 14,000 children.

She also asked that reduction to early education funding made in the House be restored.

She said the state needs to address that 38 counties are categorized incorrectly in the state's reimbursement system for child care.

"Currently 13,800 children in Step Up to Quality rated programs receive a lower rate from the state for child care than the state's assessments indicate they should receive," she said.

"This lack of funding is equal to an average of \$20,000 funding gap per child care preschool classroom per year in Cuyahoga County."

**Municipal Tax Issues:** Keary McCarthy, executive director of the Ohio Mayors Alliance, wrote to the committee, recommending lawmakers remove a provision eliminating the "throwback rule," an amendment pre-empting cities' authority on lead abatement and a provision to withhold local government funding for noncompliance with proposed regulatory rules for water and sewer services in Columbus.

"Withholding LGF to local communities as a stick to resolve a specific local matter is imprudent and should not be done through the state operating budget," he said.

John Newsome, administrator of the Columbus Department of Public Utilities Division of Sewerage and Drainage, also testified on the issue.

Robert Brundrett, director of public policy services for the Ohio Manufacturers' Association, said manufacturers support eliminating the "throwback" rule and that they backed a proposal from the Department of Taxation to centralize collection and administration for business tax filings.

Kent Scarrett, executive director for the Ohio Municipal League, testified against the centralized business tax collection proposal.

"The new language in Sub HB49 makes filing business net profits through the OBG optional rather than mandatory, as first proposed," he said. "Businesses will be allowed to make the choice best for them. The language mandates revenues be distributed to municipalities at least twice a month, along with the documents pertinent to filing for auditing, reviewing and compliance enforcement purposes."

**MCO Sales Tax:** Athens County Auditor Jill Thompson, representing the Ohio Council of County Officials, said the state needs a replacement plan for the Medicaid managed care sales tax that helps alleviate losses by local governments.

"Those counties most heavily impacted are primarily located in southeast Ohio," she said.

"This region will certainly face the most significant impact if the revenue is not restored. The one-time solution will not be enough."

She asked that lawmakers increase the MCO franchise fee included in the budget to also generate revenue for counties and local transit authorities.

**Tobacco Tax:** Maan Said, owner of two cigar shops in the Columbus area, opposed the governor's initial tax on other tobacco products, but proposed a tax cap of 40 cents per premium cigar.

He said the tax cap would lead to greater in-state cigar sales and more OTP revenue for the state by allowing local businesses to better compete with online and out-of-state retailers that don't pay tax.

**Long-Term Care:** Peter Van Runkle, executive director of the Ohio Health Care Association, supported House provisions to delay the move to managed long-term services and supports and to create a hard cap on Medicaid payments to skilled nursing facilities. The payment cap, he said, provides budgetary certainty for the General Assembly that no more will be spent on skilled nursing facilities than the amount appropriated.

"That is a much more preferable approach in our minds than the administration's introduced budget that called for steep cuts in our budgets," he said.

Jean Thompson, director of the Ohio Assisted Living Association, urged the removal of new proposed fines by the Department of Health and the removal of a prohibition on increases in the assisted living waiver.

"We are regularly asked by Aging, Medicaid, the Area Agencies on Aging and the public why more assisted living providers do not participate in this important program or increase their participation," she said in written testimony. "We surveyed all assisted living providers and resoundingly heard 'we cannot afford to.' The program is being reimbursed at 2006 levels. If

rates were increased, 78% said they would either become providers or expand access to the program."

**Hospitals:** Kristen Morris, chief government and community relations officer at the Cleveland Clinic, expressed support for the House-added Controlling Board oversight of the Medicaid expansion. She supported a House provision creating a hard cap for hospital Medicaid funding and eliminating a provision requiring hospitals to contract with Medicaid managed care plans.

She asked for \$1.3 million for a pilot program targeting lower back pain, a high-risk condition for opiate abuse, and urged increased tobacco taxes.

Ms. Morris also supported telemedicine parity added by the House.

**Child Support:** Amy Roehrenbeck, executive director of the Ohio CSEA Directors' Association, asked the committee to restore the state match allocation line item for child support enforcement agencies, which was cut 1.5% in the House version of the budget. She also asked for funding to update technology.

Sen. Skindell asked about the cost of technology updates and other potential sources of funding.

Ms. Roehrenbeck said it is estimated to cost \$7 million to update the system, which could be used to draw down additional federal dollars.

**Metro Libraries:** The Metropolitan Libraries of Ohio wrote to the committee to request public libraries be funded at the same level of the last biennium, 1.7% of the General Revenue Fund.

"For so many Ohioans, the library is the one place where they can go to learn, start a business, receive crucial health and wellness services, begin the job search and receive workforce development support, especially when state revenues are decreasing," the group wrote. "The Metropolitan Libraries of Ohio do so much more than check-out books. Libraries help keep Ohioans educated, healthy, safe, and prosperous."

**Board Consolidation:** Kay Mavko, state regulatory specialist at the Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, said the Ohio Board of Dietetics is an efficient regulatory board. She said the advisory council created under the consolidation proposal would not be required to do anything.

"Ohio dietitians feel that the Ohio Board of Dietetics should remain an independent licensure board," she said. "However, if it continues to be the will of the legislature that licensure of dietitians be controlled by the Medical Board the Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics respectfully requests that you support amendments that will buttress the advisory council's purpose."

## **Government Oversight & Reform**

### **HB 115**

**COMMUNICATION DISABILITIES (Gavarone, T., Wiggam, S.)** To establish a database of persons who voluntarily register as being diagnosed with a communication disability or who voluntarily register a minor child or ward as the parents or guardians of such persons for purposes of law enforcement notification. **(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)**

**Rep. Scott Wiggam** (R-Wooster) said the bill was driven by constituents who were concerned that their children with communication disorders could have issues communicating with law enforcement when they are pulled over.

The bill, he said, allows Ohioans to register their communication disabilities with the Ohio BMV in order to provide officers information that could be important in case of a traffic stop. Having that information, the lawmaker said, can ease a situation that could otherwise be problematic if an officer feels a person may be impaired or is being elusive.

**Rep. Theresa Gavarone** (R-Bowling Green) said a constituent of hers indicated that some symptoms of autism can be confused for impairment, and could lead officers to believe that a driver is under the influence or being threatening.

Parties working on the bill didn't feel that including an indication of a disorder on a license plate was appropriate, she said, adding that providing the information to law enforcement through a database protects Ohioans' privacy.

**Sen. Michael Skindell** (D-Lakewood) questioned whether a person with a communication disorder could be in a worse place when interacting with an officer if he or she chooses not to register with BMV.

Rep. Gavarone said the registration would be voluntary, and Chair **Sen. Bill Coley** (R-Liberty Twp.) said officers have indicated that having any type of similar information is valuable. Still, he said the panel would raise that issue with law enforcement.

Panelists also questioned whether Ohioans who register for the database would also be able to remove their names from the list. Rep. Gavarone said the registration doesn't have an expiration, and individuals could opt out at any time.

The sponsors told **Sen. Edna Brown** (D-Toledo) that people with medical conditions other than autism could also register if they have physician-certified communications issues.

Rep. Wiggam also told Sen. Brown that the communication disorder flag indication would be identified for officers who run driver's license or state id card numbers.

**SB 139**      **LEGAL MATERIALS (Skindell, M., Eklund, J.)** To adopt the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act. (CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sen. Skindell said the bill, requested by law library administrators, responds to the growing online publication of official legal materials that tends to result in the reduction of printed materials.

"Although online publication has facilitated greater public access, it has also raised various concerns about ensuring that the electronic material will be preserved in unaltered form and will be available permanently," he said. "This legislation offers a mechanism for providing the state's official legal material online with the same level of trustworthiness traditionally given by print publication."

Sen. Skindell added that bill allows for the authentication of the Ohio Constitution and session laws by the Secretary of State and the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code by the Legislative Service Commission.

Co-sponsor **Sen. John Eklund** (R-Charidon) said the bill provides for the uniformity of dealing with documents in court, which would eliminate concerns about judges having different levels of flexibility on documents. Further, he said the bill establishes a measure of

certainty regarding documents, which will help avoid mistakes in trials. The bill also maintains the integrity of records, he said.

Responding to Sen. Coley, Sen. Skindell said the Ohio State Bar Association doesn't oppose the measure, and indicated that it didn't rise to a level requiring the group's typical committee vetting process.

**SB 144** **DISABILITIES COUNCIL (Burke, D.)** To abolish the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Commission, Consumer Advisory Committee, and Governor's Council on People with Disabilities and to establish a state rehabilitation services council known as the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Council. **(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)**

**Sen. Dave Burke** (R-Marysville) said his bill would streamline the state's disability services program, which currently involves 45 people serving on three separate bodies.

Ohio is the last state in the nation to use a commission structure, he said. The new entity, with at least 15 members appointed by the governor, will include representation from a cross-section of the disabilities community.

Disability Rights Ohio, and other groups that advocate for Ohio's disabled populations, are supportive of moving to a state rehabilitation council model, he said.

The sponsor added that he will be seeking amendments to authorize the governor, rather than the executive director, to make appointments to the council and make sure the SRC complies with federal regulations.

**SB 54** **SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS (Brown, E., Lehner, P.)** To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions. **(CONTINUED (No testimony); 5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)**

While there was no testimony, Sen. Coley said the scheduled vote was being delayed to give officials from the Toledo Public Schools time to communicate with the committee. He said the district, while not funding its own summer food program, has partnered with area agencies to provide similar services.

**Sen. Edna Brown** (D-Toledo) asked when the district would be testifying, saying she was not aware of the situation the chair described. She said backers were hoping to get the bill enacted quickly, as the summer season has arrived.

**Sen. Joe Schiavoni** (D-Boardman) observed that the bill is similar to a plan that passed the Senate last session with 28 co-sponsors. He said there was no opposition last session, and observed that the Toledo schools didn't testify that time around.

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## Daily Activity Planner for Wednesday, June 7

### Legislative Committees

**House Transportation & Public Safety** (Committee Record) (Chr. Green, D., 644-6034), Rm. 017, 9 a.m.

- HB 219** **SPEED LIMITS** (Boccheri, J.) To specify that a speed limit becomes effective at a reasonable distance from the appropriate sign giving notice of the speed limit. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 227** **LICENSE PLATE** (LaTourette, S.) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate. (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 71** **LICENSE PLATE DISPLAY** (DeVitis, T.) To specify that failure to display a license plate on the front of a motor vehicle that is required to display a front license plate is a secondary traffic offense and to establish a maximum fine of \$100 for such an offense. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 150** **LICENSE PLATE** (Patmon, B.) To create a special license plate for hearing-impaired individuals. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 190** **RAIL CROSSINGS** (Lepore-Hagan, M., Schuring, K.) To require vehicle operators to watch, listen, and stop for on-track equipment that may be approaching a railroad crossing. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**House Health** (Committee Record) (Chr. Huffman, S., 466-8114), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.

- HB 191** **NURSE ANESTHETISTS** (Gonzales, A.) Regarding the practice of certified registered nurse anesthetists. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 184** **DENTISTRY** (Gavarone, T., DeVitis, T.) To authorize the provision of dental services through teledentistry, to require a proposal for creation of a primary care dental student component of the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program, and to make other changes to the laws governing the practices of dentistry and dental hygiene. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 231** **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES** (Ginter, T., Sprague, R.) To require pharmacists to offer to dispense controlled substances in lockable or tamper-evident containers. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**Senate Ways & Means** (Committee Record) (Chr. Eklund, J., 644-7718), South Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

- HB 124** **TAX LEVIES** (Brenner, A., Carfagna, R.) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)
- SB 113** **FUEL TAX** (Coley, B.) To levy an additional registration tax on passenger cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars and trucks

beginning on January 1, 2020; to authorize a per-gallon motor fuel retail price reduction for consumers that is equal to the state per-gallon motor fuel tax of \$.28; and to exempt each gallon of motor fuel that is sold at the reduced retail price from the state motor fuel tax. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB 132**

**TAX CREDIT (Dolan, M.)** To establish a five-year pilot program whereby taxpayers with facilities in this state with activated foreign trade zone status may claim a nonrefundable commercial activity tax credit equal to the amount redeployed by the taxpayer to job creation and renewable energy resources. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**House Government Accountability & Oversight (Committee Record) (Chr. Blessing, L., 466-9091), Rm. 114, 9:30 a.m.**

**HB 160**

**DISCRIMINATION (Antonio, N.)** To enact the Ohio Fairness Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, to add mediation to the list of informal methods by which the Ohio Civil Rights Commission may use to induce compliance with Ohio's Civil Rights Law before instituting a formal hearing, and to uphold existing religious exemptions under Ohio's Civil Rights Law. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB 218**

**PARK DISTRICTS (Seitz, B.)** To expand a probate court's powers and duties with regard to a park district. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB 226**

**FIREWORKS (Seitz, B., Sweeney, M.)** To establish a fireworks study group to review and make recommendations regarding the Fireworks Law, to extend to July 1, 2020, the moratorium on issuing fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, to eliminate, beginning January 1, 2021, the moratorium on geographic transfer of fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, and, beginning July 1, 2020, to impose a fee on the retail sale of consumer grade fireworks in this state and to expand the ability of individuals to obtain 1.3G display fireworks and obtain and use 1.4G consumer fireworks. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

**House Aging & Long Term Care (Committee Record) (Chr. Arndt, S., 644-6011), Rm. 122, 10 a.m.**

**HB 242**

**RETIREMENT BENEFITS (Carfagna, R.)** Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & Proponent-Pending referral)

**Senate Transportation, Commerce & Workforce (Committee Record) (Chr. LaRose, F., 466-4823), South Hearing Rm., 10:15 a.m.**

**HB 28**

**IC BUDGET (Brinkman, T.)** To make appropriations for the Industrial Commission for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of Commission programs. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

**SB 117** MONTH DESIGNATION (Hite, C.) To designate May as "Drive Ohio Byways Month." (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)  
**SB 146** ROAD NAMING (Yuko, K.) To designate a portion of I-90 in Euclid as the "Army Specialist 4 Lawrence George Stapleton Memorial Highway." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)  
House Higher Education & Workforce Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Duffey, M., 644-6030), Rm. 115, 11 a.m.

**HB 58** CURSIVE HANDWRITING (Brenner, A., Slaby, M.) To require instruction in cursive handwriting. (4th Hearing-Opponent & interested party)  
**HB 166** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Reineke, B., Cupp, R.) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)  
**SB 3** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Beagle, B., Balderson, T.) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House State & Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Anielski, M., 644-6041), Rm. 116, 11 a.m.

**HB 146** DEATH CERTIFICATES (Householder, L.) To allow a coroner to change the cause, manner, and mode of death in a filed death certificate only after a hearing in the court of common pleas. (4th Hearing-All testimony)  
**HB 229** DAY DESIGNATION (Romanchuk, M., Wiggam, S.) To designate February 3 as "Charles Follis Day." (2nd Hearing-All testimony)  
**SB 62** DAY DESIGNATION (Yuko, K.) To designate July 8 as "Harrison Dillard Day." (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

~~Canceled: Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.~~  
Senate Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Oelslager, S., 466-0626), Finance Hearing Rm., 11 a.m.

**HB 49** BIENNIAL BUDGET (Smith, R.) To provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs. (5th Hearing-Public testimony)  
House Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.  
~~Canceled: Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.~~  
House Civil Justice (Committee Record) (Chr. Butler, J., 644-6008), Rm. 122, 2:30 p.m. or after session

**HB 174** **FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT** (Hughes, J., Lanese, L.) To add two judges to the Domestic Relations Division of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas to be elected in 2018. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**HB 213** **REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS** (Dever, J.) To change the definition of "appraisal" for purposes of the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Law, to make changes to certain procedures and the exceptions to licensure under that law, to regulate appraisal management companies, and to declare an emergency. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

**HB 223** **STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS** (Dever, J.) Relative to transfers of structured settlement payment rights. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**House Community & Family Advancement** (Committee Record) (**Chr. Ginter, T., 466-8022**), Rm. 114, 3 p.m.

**HB 50** **EBT CARDS** (Schaffer, T.) To establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. (6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

**HB 64** **RECORD EXPUNGEMENT** (Schuring, K., Reece, A.) To provide for the expungement of official records related to the apprehension, arrest, criminal charging, or trial of a person based on mistaken identity. (4th Hearing-All testimony)

**HB 187** **APPLICANT INFORMATION** (Dever, J.) To regulate the collection, use, and retention of certain information obtained from an applicant during the employee selection process. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security** (Committee Record) (**Chr. Johnson, T., 466-2124**), Rm. 116, 4 p.m. or after session

**HB 158** **MILITARY TRANSFERS** (Perales, R., Craig, H.) To permit persons who quit work to accompany the person's spouse on a military transfer to be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**HB 183** **AVIATION HALL** (Perales, R.) To establish the Governing Board of the Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame and Learning Center for purposes of establishing the Hall and inducting persons into it. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**HB 192** **VETERAN COMMISSIONS** (Miller, A., Anielski, M.) To permit county veterans service commissions to elect to add two members to the commission, one who is a veteran who served in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, or subsequently in those theaters of operation, and one who is a military spouse. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**Senate Energy & Natural Resources** (Committee Record) (**Chr. Balderson, T., 466-8076**), South Hearing Rm., 4 p.m.

- **The committee will consider the governor's appointments of William Brantingham, Larry Lindrose Jr. and J. Randal Van Dyne to the State Emergency Response Commission; and Dennis Mintus to the Waterways Safety Council**

**HB 114**

**RENEWABLE ENERGY (Blessing, L.)** To revise the provisions governing renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction and to alter funding allocations under the Home Energy Assistance Program. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

### **Agency Calendar**

**Real Estate Commission, Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing, 77 South High Street, 22nd Floor, Columbus, 9 a.m.**

**State Personnel Board of Review, 65 E. State St., 12th Fl., Columbus, 10 a.m.**

**Credit Union Council, Division of Financial Institutions, 77 South High Street, 21st Floor, Columbus, 10:30 a.m.**

**Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., 11th Fl., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.**

### **Event Planner**

**NFIB Small Business Day at the Capitol, Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 9 a.m.**

**Casino Control Commission to release May revenue figures, 1:30 p.m.**

**Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) and Sen. Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Crystal Room, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$5,000 Event Chair | \$2,500 Event Host | \$1,000 Event Sponsor | \$500 Individual to Citizens for Obhof and Citizens for Gardner Committee)**

**Sen. Matt Dolan (R-Chagrin Falls), Sen. John Eklund (R-Chardon), Sen. Frank LaRose (R-Hudson), Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering) and Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveland) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus, Lounge, 136 E Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (\$2,500 Event Chair | \$1,000 Event Host | \$500 Event Sponsor | \$350 Individual to Friends of John Eklund, LaRose for Senate, Citizens for Lehner, The Committee to Elect Joe Uecker and Friends of Matt Dolan)**

**Rep. Mike Ashford (D-Toledo) fundraiser, Tony's, 16 W. Beck St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000; Host: \$500; Friend: \$250 to Citizens with Ashford)**

**Rep. John Bocchieri (D-Alliance) fundraiser, Club 185, 185 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000, Host: \$500, Friend: \$350 to John Bocchieri for Ohio Committee)**

**Ohio House Democratic Caucus leadership fundraiser, Huntington Park, 330 Huntington Park Ln., Columbus, 7:05 p.m., (\$1,000 to House Democratic Caucus Fund)**

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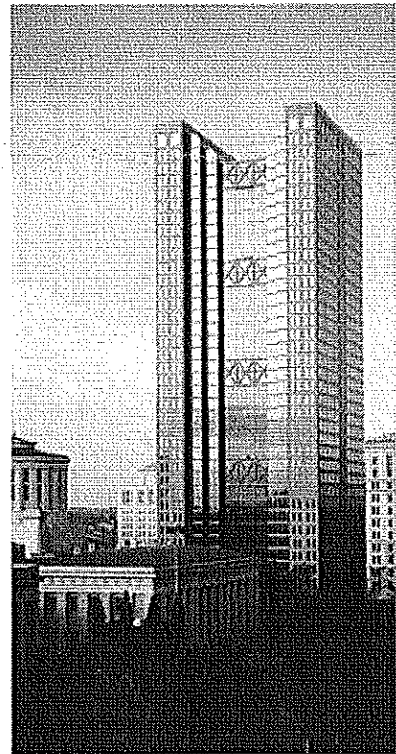


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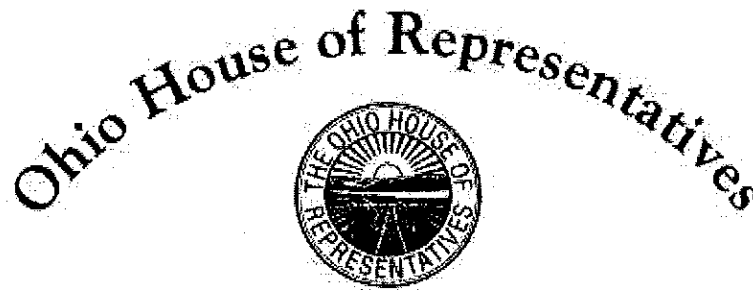
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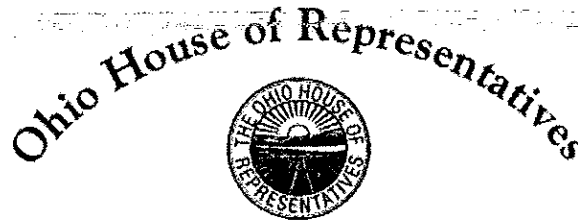
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If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation or have any questions, please contact my Legislative Aide, Blake Springhetti, at [Blake.Springhetti@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Blake.Springhetti@ohiohouse.gov) or at (614) 466-1731 by Tuesday, June 20 at 5pm.

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Can you determine the exact code section that references that adjunct college teachers can form unions, but that the universities do not have to recognize those unions? We received an inquiry from a constituent stating that adjuncts are prohibited in the Revised Code from forming a union, but I don't think that's the case.

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**HB 273** ■ **ADMITTING PRIVILEGES** (Gavarone, T.) To prohibit a physician from being required to secure a maintenance of certification as a condition of obtaining licensure, reimbursement, or employment or obtaining admitting privileges or surgical privileges at a hospital or health care facility. Am. 3702.30, 3727.05, 4731.14, 4731.281, 4731.29, 4731.56, and 4731.57 and to enact sections 3727.061, 3901.89, and 5164.302

**HB 274** ■ **VOTER REGISTRATION** (Clyde, K.) To modify the circumstances under which a voter registration may be canceled. Am. 3501.05 and 3503.21

**HB 275** ■ **BRIDGE NAMING** (Slaby, M.) To designate the bridge spanning the Tuscarawas River, that is part of State Route 93 in Canal Fulton, as the "Lance Corporal Michael Stangelo, USMC, Memorial Bridge." Am. 5534.152

**HB 276** ■ **UTILITY WORKERS** (Rezabek, J., Greenspan, D.) To expand the offense of aggravated menacing to prohibit threatening a utility worker with intent to obstruct the operation of a utility. Am. 2903.21

**HB 277** ■ **EDUCATION APPEALS** (Seitz, B.) To stay the execution of certain judgments in favor of the Department of Education during the appeals process. Am. 2505.09 and to enact section 3301.132

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Ohio Expositions Commission: Rep. Hill

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#### **RETIREMENT BENEFITS (Carfagna, R.) Regarding School Employees**


Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments. (**CONTINUED (See separate story)**; 2nd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)

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**County Officials Keep Beating The Drum For Permanent MCO Fix**

County officials on Wednesday continued their call to be permanently held harmless from the loss of the Medicaid managed care sales tax revenue.

The Senate's substitute version of the two-year state budget (HB 49) contained no provision to permanently make up for the loss of revenue to counties and transit authorities.

County leaders said the lack of a replacement will be a major burden while they are being asked to increase spending in other areas.

Medina County Commissioner Bill Hutson said the loss of MCO revenue will result in the loss of \$500,000.

At the same time, Mr. Hutson said, the county will likely need to spend on new voting machines, increasing children protective services intakes and other services tied to the opioid crisis.

"With the looming issues before us, Medina County cannot afford additional cuts to its revenues such as the loss of the Medicaid Sales Tax revenue, nor can it afford to cover costs mandated by the state, such as the housing F4 and F5 offenders, indigent counsel, or new voting equipment," he told members of the Senate Finance Committee.

Sen Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) asked Mr. Hutson his thoughts on eliminating the promotional gaming tax credit.

"I think it's incumbent on the state legislature to determine the priorities and invest the money where it needs to be invested," Mr. Hutson responded.

Sen. Coley then asked why the County Commissioners Association of Ohio has not taken a position on the issue, calling its lack of vocalizing support for the move "cowardly."

"If you guys are all crying for money, why aren't you looking at this?" he asked.

Cuyahoga County Council member Dale Miller said the loss of MCO revenue will cost the public transportation system in the Cleveland area \$18 million annually.

"It has been said that MCO sales tax has been with us a relatively short time and therefore there is no entitlement to receive this revenue on a permanent basis, and from a narrow perspective that makes some sense," he said.

"From a broader perspective, however, we must remember that over the last decade we have seen major reductions to the Local Government Fund, elimination of the estate tax, and significant program reductions. The counties are the local implementers of state policy and the State of Ohio will do well only if the state-county partnership is healthy. We need the permanent MCO sales tax correction to have that healthy state-county partnership.

Maggie Keenan, the director of the Office of Budget and Management in Cuyahoga County, said the county brought in nearly \$30 million in MCO revenue last year, accounting for 7% of its total General Fund revenue.

Ms. Keenan also outlined the increasing financial burdens the county is facing, especially those caused by the opioid epidemic.

"The reality is that Cuyahoga County - like all counties - has both a legal and moral mandate to respond to this crisis and that has had a substantial impact on so many of the county systems, including, public safety, the courts, the medical examiner's office, the ADAMHS Board, and the county's child welfare department," she said.

Gallia County Commissioner Harold Montgomery said the loss of MCO will cost his county \$600,000 annually.

He said that loss of revenue will adversely impact non-mandated agencies such as the extension office and the soil & water office.

"Gallia County is one of the southernmost counties in the state being a part of Appalachia and lying along the Ohio River," he said. "Counties from different areas of the state may have different issues plaguing their operations, however, one thing every county will have in common is the loss of sales tax revenue if the counties are not made whole."

Following his testimony, Sen. Matt Dolan (R-Chagrin Falls) said lawmakers have heard the same complaints from representatives of rural, suburban and urban counties, demonstrating the need for a permanent fix.

"To the credit of the administration, there is an effort to kind of try to make the counties whole for one year," he said. "But this body, regardless of what happens with the pen on June 30, this body has a responsibility to continue to work and fight for this issue because we are putting a real burden on our counties."

### **Municipalities Object To New Centralized Tax Collection Plan**

The state's cities and villages remain at odds with businesses over the proposed centralized collection of municipal net profits taxes.

Kent Scarrett, executive director of the Ohio Municipal League, said Wednesday that Senate changes made to the proposal in the state's two-year budget (HB 494) will not have the intended impact.

The centralized collection was designed to create more uniformity for businesses across the state, but Mr. Scarrett said changes made in the substitute version of the bill will have the opposite effect.

The Senate version of the proposal would allow businesses to opt-in to the centralized collection through the Ohio Business Gateway. A 1% administrative fee would be charged to municipalities by the Department of Taxation.

"To put it more clearly; if this language becomes law, there will be unequal treatment of taxpayers throughout Ohio. Any business who opts in to file through OBG will be subject to different rules and fees than perhaps its neighbor within the same municipality," Mr. Scarrett told the Senate Finance Committee.

"Those businesses will, in effect, be subject to an entirely different set of laws. This language not only calls into question serious concerns not only about efficiency, but also about equity and fairness."

Mr. Scarrett also said municipalities will still need to track all returns filed to reconcile accounts and therefore it does little to relieve administrative burdens while costing cities and village more.

"A municipality's ability to ensure compliance in business filings is vital for the protection of all taxpayers. This language wrests that control away from the very entity best positioned to ensure each business within their jurisdiction has filed," he said.

"Instead, municipalities will be regulated to merely requesting the Department of Taxation review a return. The department is under no statutory obligation to comply with that request."

Mr. Scarrett also warned that the OBG will not be ready for the beginning of the program on Jan. 1, 2018.

Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) said that municipalities have touted the current system as working well and questioned why businesses would voluntarily file through the OBG if that is indeed the case.

Mr. Scarrett said the problem is that the Department of Taxation will manage the filings and distribution of funds. He also said another problem is the cost, adding that about 300 municipalities collect the tax themselves at a cost of less than 1%.

Sen. Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) also asked about the possibility of eliminating the promotional gaming tax credit, saying the OML's lack of support for such a move is "cowardly."

"We are fighting a universe of many, many fires," Mr. Scarrett responded.

Mr. Scarrett also raised concerns about a Senate amendment that would redirect about \$17 million a year from the Local Government Fund to fight the opioid epidemic.

"We feel that those local dollars should be kept at the local community," he said.

But Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering) said the money comes from an LGF pot set aside to incentivize municipalities to levy an income tax.

"It is part of the LGF distribution formula," Mr. Scarrett said. "It is used. It is not sitting around getting cobwebbed."

Sen. Charleta B. Tavares (D-Columbus) - before apologizing for Sen. Coley's "cowardly" remark - asked how the state can be better partners with local government. Mr. Scarrett said preemptions are increasingly becoming more consequential.

"That is an extreme challenge for the constitution and for our members and the relationship they feel with the state," he said.

While local governments are not on board with the centralized collection plan, one business group endorsed the plan.

The administration's original plan would have required businesses to file through the OBG. The House changed the proposal to make the OBG filings optional with the 1% fee being charged to businesses.

Chris Ferruso, legislative director of the National Federation of Independent Business/Ohio, applauded the Senate's version, saying businesses that file in several jurisdictions will likely do so through the OBG.

"For many of our members, the time and cost associated with complying with the current system can be and is burdensome," he said. "Tax recently ran an analysis to determine the potential cost savings for businesses. If every business filing in multiple jurisdictions were to opt-in, Tax estimates the annual savings to be \$800 million."

Mr. Ferruso also downplayed municipal complaints about the ability to review filings.

"Although audit authority remains with the tax commissioner, if a municipality identifies an issue with a taxpayer, they may request Tax to evaluate further, potentially leading to an audit of the taxpayer," he said.

**Proponents Urge Support For Energy Standards Bill As Senator Suggests Merit In Potential Compromise**

A Senate panel again broached the idea Wednesday of some form of compromise to reduce the impact of the state's renewable energy standards while still providing certainty to the industry.

The discussion came during the second Senate hearing on a controversial bill (HB 114) that would render the state's renewable energy standards as optional goals and lower the cumulative energy efficiency standards from 22 to 17% by 2027.

But committee chairman Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) said in an interview that nothing's changed by way of senators' efforts to find a way to modify the bill in order to alleviate potential opposition from Gov. John Kasich and within the Senate.

He previously said he anticipates changes will be made "to make this bill more feasible for folks," although details have yet to be hashed out. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 7, 2017)

Like it's less far-reaching predecessor (HB554, 131<sup>st</sup> General Assembly), which was vetoed by Gov. Kasich, the bill has drawn fire from opponents who contend it would drive away job-creating investment in renewable energy sources by injecting uncertainty in the market. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 21, 2017)

The American Wind Energy Association, for example, has said lawmakers advancing this bill would be "needlessly jeopardizing jobs, private investment and rural development potential."

In questioning proponent Micah Derry, state director of Americans for Prosperity, Sen. Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green) raised the idea of a "middle-ground approach" that might be more agreeable.

"It seems to me almost no one in Ohio seems to hang onto the SB221 renewable standard and there's discussion about possibly moving toward a middle-ground approach of predictability for businesses," Sen. Gardner said.

"Isn't one of the preferences to the business community and development not just whether there's a standard or not but whether there's predictability for the future?" he continued. "Wouldn't it be good even if we weren't able to get down to zero - wouldn't a middle ground still be net better for the state of Ohio?"

"Absolutely," Mr. Derry replied. "I think I could be received as being naïve, but the most consistent policy is one in which we say we will not subsidize, we will not bail out, we will not bolster an industry that cannot stand on its own in the market."

Opponents - a bevy of them if the House testimony is any indication - are set to speak their peace at the bill's next hearing the last week of June, urging senators to scrap the bill.

But whether the bill will be ready for a committee and potentially a floor vote this month remains in flux, according to Sen. Balderson. The committee won't meet next week as budget talks will dominate much of lawmakers' attention.

Five proponents appeared at the measure's second hearing, arguing the standards are driving up costs on residential and industrial consumers. Five other proponents submitted written testimony.

Ed Spiker, speaking for the Ohio Coal Association, said the bill would "put coal back on a level playing field" with other energy sources and complement federal policy in which President Trump is "finally ending the war on coal."

"It will also make Ohio more competitive with Indiana, which has its own voluntary goals, and with Ohio's other neighbors, like Kentucky and West Virginia, that don't have renewable energy standards at all," he said.

Kevin Murray, executive director of Industrial Energy Users-Ohio, referred to the standards as "arbitrary," a claim Republican sponsors have often made to advocate for the bill and its predecessors in past General Assemblies.

"There was no analysis to consider their effect on reliability or the affordability of electricity," Mr. Murray said. "The mandates were sold based on future predictions of energy scarcity plus high and volatile prices. The considerable cost of the mandates was hidden in electric bills."

Sen. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland) asked for examples of what IEU members are doing to increase energy efficiency. Many of those details, she said, aren't public record in Public Utilities Commission filings due to trade secret exemptions.

Mr. Murray gave two examples. He said TimkenSteel in 2014 invested \$2 million into a continuous caster that prompted a "tremendous reduction in energy." And he said ASHTA Chemical in 2015 invested \$60 million into new technology to reduce its electricity usage by 20%.

"The reality is most large manufacturers would change every lightbulb in their facility, it would make that big of a dent on their interests," he said. "Their energy usage is going into the manufacturing process and that's where they typically focus their largescale gains in efficiency."

### **Amendment Lets Counties Seek Combined Criminal Justice Facilities Bond Issues, Levies**

County commissioners would have the authority ask voters to approve combined bond and levy issues in support of criminal justice facilities under an amendment added to a House bill on Wednesday.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee accepted the amendment to a bill (HB 124) originally aimed at addressing a Delaware County board of elections snafu. The mistake resulted in a career technical center being barred from collecting its full combination levy millage. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 7, 2017)

Chairman Sen. John Eklund (R-Chardon) proposed the addition to the school levy measure, saying it will give counties options to raise local dollars as the state moves to keep offenders out of prisons.

"As we continue to see advances in criminal justice, which divert inmates away from the prison systems and into community corrections of all kinds, many counties are going to find themselves looking for the opportunity to expand the housing they have available to these folks, particularly drug offenders and people who could be better served in their communities as opposed to the big house," he said.

The language permitting the combined ballot issues mirrors current state law that allows other entities to pose such questions to voters.

"This is an authority that already exists for school districts in the state of Ohio. They can put a capital and operating levy combined on the ballot...and this extends that authority to detention facilities and operations thereof," Sen. Eklund said.

The chairman said he expects the bill to be voted out of committee next week, following its third hearing. No witnesses submitted testimony for the bill's second hearing on Wednesday.

The amendment comes as the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction continues to promote community corrections, which Director Gary Mohr has said will save the state money and result in lower recidivism rates.

Earlier this week, the Senate introduced its substitute budget bill, which included a dialing back of administration plans to require all counties to participate in the Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison program, which is currently being piloted in eight counties and four jails. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 12, 2017)

Under the program, fifth-degree felons, except for those that commit sex offenses, offenses of violence, mandatory offenses and those with a prior felony sex or violent offenses would no longer be prison eligible.

The as-introduced budget would have resulted in the diversion of all low-level offenders from prison and into community-based facilities and programs in all 88 counties. The latest version requires only the state's 10 largest counties to participate in the program.

**Senators Seek More PUCO Independence With Budget Language Blocking Chair From Governor's Cabinet**

The Senate's top Republican said the chamber wants to ensure impartiality at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio with budget language that would prohibit the agency's chairperson from serving in the governor's cabinet.

The chairperson - currently Asim Haque - is appointed by the governor along with the other four commissioners. The governor also sets the salary of PUCO commissioners.

As chairman, Mr. Haque is among 25 agency heads that constitute Gov. John Kasich's cabinet. But Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said in an interview that senators want to install more separation between the chairperson and state's top executive.

"The PUCO provision is because the majority of the legislators I've talked to about this issue believe the commission is quasi-judicial in nature, and, at least in theory, independent," Sen. Obhof said.

"If you're an independent body who is acting in a quasi-judicial function, you should be independent," he added.

A PUCO spokesman referred to the governor's office for comment on the budget item (HB 49) and declined to specify how frequently Mr. Haque participates in cabinet activities.

Kasich spokeswoman Emmalee Kalmbach said only that, "We always appreciate the General Assembly's input on important issues." She too declined to elaborate on the extent of Mr. Haque's role as a member of the cabinet.

Under Mr. Haque and the current slate of members, the PUCO has sought a more active role in shaping the state's energy future - with Mr. Haque voicing a desire to "get out in front of an industry and finally lead."

Underscoring that approach is the commission's broad-based PowerForward initiative, which is intended as a comprehensive exploration of grid modernization opportunities. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 21, 2017)

The Senate sub bill maintains executive budget language codifying that role, according to the Legislative Service Commission comparison document. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 27, 2017)

In doing so, the language requires the PUCO to "research the latest technological and regulatory innovations for the electric distribution system," and to issue a report summarizing its findings and recommending a course of action to implement cost-effective distribution system innovations.

The lion's share of PUCO language in the sub bill retains House provisions, including those pertaining to: Power Siting Board updates; registration, permitting and application fee changes; and the modification of lifeline telephone services.

It also maintains House-added language permitting the Office of the Consumers' Counsel to assist consumers with utility complaint calls or forward them to the PUCO's call center, which Counsel Bruce Weston had requested. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 16, 2017)

But the proposal would amend executive language maintained in the House version centered on Utility Radiological Safety Board assessments. And it removes language offered by the administration, and modified by the House, that declares it is the state's policy to research and implement technological, regulatory and marketplace innovations in the electric distribution system.

### **Consolidated Boards Ask For Clearer Guidelines**

Complaints continued Wednesday about the consolidation and re-composition of professional boards in the biennial budget bill.

Mark Glasper, executive director of the Opticians Association of Ohio, asked that lawmakers accept an amendment to the measure (HB 49) allowing the State Optometry Board to retain its standing as a separate entity.

Under the current version of the bill, that board and the Optical Dispensers Board would be combined into the State Vision Professionals Board.

But Mr. Glasper said that would leave opticians at a disadvantage because optometrists would have majority control of the board.

"You have also heard that optometrists and opticians are direct competitors in the marketplace for the sale of prescription eyewear and that giving optometrists regulatory control over opticians will result in an anticompetitive business environment in Ohio and will ultimately drive up the price of prescription eyewear for Ohio consumers," he told members of the Senate Finance Committee.

Short of restoring the board, he called on lawmakers to modify the composition of the combined board to provide opticians with equal representation.

"The public will be best served and protected by separate regulation of optometrists and opticians," he said. "In the alternative, we ask for equal representation to optometry on the Vision Board and request at a minimum that the two opticians specified in the bill hold dual licensure in spectacle and contact lens dispensing and at least one hold a majority interest in a retail optical business."

Keith Kerns, executive director of the Ohio Optometric Association, expressed the association's gratitude to the Senate for maintaining in the bill a repeal of the sales tax on prescriptive eyewear. However, he suggested several issues to be considered with the creation of a Visual Professionals Board.

With the restructured board including both optometrists and opticians, Mr. Kerns said that the education differential between the two must be taken into account. The role of ophthalmologists must also be reconciled with the role of the other professionals on the new board, he said.

"The OOA and the Ohio Ophthalmological Society have jointly agreed to language that would use this committee structure as a vehicle to allow ophthalmologists to have input on issues concerning the practice of opticianry," Mr. Kerns said.

"The Ohio Optical Dispensers Board currently has one ophthalmologist as a member to provide input on these issues and our organizations have worked collaboratively to ensure that this input will continue within the committee structure."

Sue Ciarlariello, legislative chair for the Ohio Society of Respiratory Care, seemed resigned to the fact that the Ohio Respiratory Care Board will be abolished and replaced with an advisory council under the Medical Board.

She asked for an amendment to add qualifications for council members and to define the council's responsibilities, authority and permanence.

"The advisory council structure and membership language currently does not require meaningful qualifications for education, training or actual practice experience in pulmonary medicine or respiratory care, only members 'knowledgeable in respiratory care,'" she said.

"We believe an advisory council charged with giving advice on the practice of respiratory care should be appointed from amongst those licensed RCP's who are the subject of regulation and physicians who manage respiratory disease. There is no provision for nominating candidates. And the responsibility, authority and permanence of this advisory council is left out."

Pat McKnight, state policy representative of the Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, lamented the proposed elimination of the freestanding Board of Dietetics.

However, she urged the panel to accept changes that outline duties, meeting requirements and qualification of members of a proposed advisory council under the State Medical Board.

Kay Mavko, state regulatory specialist at the OAND, echoed that sentiment.

"The new language specifies that the council should meet a minimum number of times per year, includes a public member along with members who are actually qualified dietitians and are engaged in dietetic practice or dietetic education," she said.

"The expectation that the council will provide advice to the medical board on specific topics pertinent to effective licensure and regulation of dietitians makes it clearer that the

council will have a voice to share our unique practice perspectives and professional standards."

### **Unions Voice Concerns With School Employees Pension Bill**

Union representatives testified Wednesday against legislation that would allow the School Employees Retirement System to suspend its cost-of-living adjustment for retirees, saying it places an unfair burden on longtime school workers.

The bill (HB 242) had its second hearing before the House Aging and Long-Term Care Committee, but the Senate added a similar provision to the budget bill (HB 49) on Monday.

Lois Carson, state vice president of the Ohio Association of Public School Employees, said public school workers rely on the pension plan and are very susceptible to changes in it.

The average salary for OAPSE members is about \$24,000 a year, she said.

"We need every cent of our pension to survive," she said.

Ms. Carson said the union has been pushing the retirement system to reduce benefits for members who only worked for a few years in order to protect those who paid in for decades.

"We think these employees, the ones who put in the time and made a career out of the service in the schools, should be protected from these COLA freezes and cuts," she said.

"We would make the case that if they had acted 17 years ago to focus on the long-term employees and not short-timers, we would be in much better financial shape at SERS and we would not have to worry about our financial insecurity," she added.

Rep. Niraj Antani (R-Miamisburg) asked if the union had done any work on a proposal to protect long-term employees and help the system.

"Has there been any actuarial analysis or fiscal analysis or any research done on what that system would look like?" he said. "Has there been a discussion with the bill sponsor or with SERS in general?"

Ms. Carson said the union's staff is still working on it.

Becky Williams, president of the Service Employees International Union District 1199, submitted written testimony expressing concerns about the bill.

She said the members in SERS are the lowest-paid of the state's five pension funds, and include support staff who are the first to lose their jobs or have hours reduced when budgets are cut.

"We understand recent economic downturns have taken a toll on the solvency of the SERS fund and something must be done to boost the health of the fund and protect healthcare coverage," she said. "However, the cost-of-living adjustment is a vital element of our members' pension and fundamentally contributes to our members' ability to pay for essentials like rent, food and their electric bill."

SERS has said the change is difficult but necessary in order to protect the benefits of active members. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 7, 2017)

The proposal, along with a companion bill in the Senate (SB 151) received the recommendation of the Ohio Retirement Study Council last week, with Democrats opposed. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 8, 2017)

### **ECOT Files Suit To Invalidate Ed Board Vote, Says Members Met Illegally**

The Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow has filed a lawsuit against the State Board of Education, arguing that members met illegally before voting to claw back \$60 million in state funding from the e-school.

In a complaint filed with the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, ECOT attorney Marion Little alleges that board members violated the state's open meeting laws and that their decision made earlier this week should be invalidated.

He said the violation was made clear by the fact members voted without discussion on a resolution to adopt a hearing officer's finding that ECOT over reported full-time students in the 2015-16 school year and now must repay start funding it received for those students. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 12, 2017)

"Ohio courts have held that the absence of an actual deliberation at a public meeting is evidence that the public body impermissibly deliberated in violation of the Ohio Meetings Act," he wrote in the complaint.

Mr. Little also criticized the board for originally scheduling a non-public meeting on administrative matters that was removed from the agenda prior to the start of the meeting and accused the board president, Tess Elshoff, of "impermissibly polling BOE members on their vote and/or opinions."

In addition to seeking an invalidation of the board's vote, ECOT is also requesting the board pay a \$500 fine and cover the e-school's attorney fees.

Commenting on the lawsuit, ECOT spokesman Neil Clark denounced the board's decision to hold public comment on the ECOT resolution after the vote.

"ECOT wants a fair shot in which the board actually hears and fully considers the merits of both sides' positions," he said in a statement. "This lawsuit is designed to ensure that ECOT gets that opportunity, of which it was deprived because of the board's and ODE's improper actions."

Department of Education spokeswoman Brittany Halpin said the agency did not have a comment on the lawsuit.

The court action comes as the state's largest e-school and ODE await a determination on the appeal of a lawsuit filed last summer. In that case, which initially went in the state's favor, ECOT contests the process used by ODE to determine full-time attendance and related funding.

ECOT leaders have said their school could be dismantled if the state seeks to recover about 60% of the funding it received that school year as a result of an audit that found only 6,312 of the reported 15,321 students were full time.

Education stakeholders this week announced the formation of a group to address the potential fallout of the e-school shuttering or scaling back its operations.

Real Choice Ohio, which is led by Woodridge Local Schools Superintendent Walter Davis, has a stated mission of helping "Ohio public school districts attract and retain students to ensure their success and support them on the path to high school graduation."

The group said in a letter sent to all school district administrators and the State Board of Education that it will provide assistance to schools, including research, creating and sharing of best practice materials, and training on parent communication and student retention strategies.

"Given the 15,000 students on ECOT's rolls who come from virtually every public-school district in Ohio, uncertainty over ECOT's future means each of us must be well prepared to welcome former ECOT students home to our public schools," the group wrote. "ECOT's poor performance is well documented, and it will be critical to ensure that no student falls through the cracks because of the ongoing controversy surrounding ECOT and its dispute with the state."

Meanwhile, some school district leaders are calling on the state to send those dollars to the home schools of students who weren't found to be attending ECOT full time, according to reports.

Under the state's controversial charter school funding structure, per-pupil funding is deducted from the state aid of home schools when students choose to attend ECOT.

**Democratic Resurgence, Republican Incumbency Make 2018 Hard To Predict, Pollster Says**

While the election of President Donald Trump prompted a surge in Democratic momentum, national Republican pollster Frank Luntz said Wednesday the president's supporters aren't backing down.

Both of those factors make the midterm elections in 2018 very difficult to predict, he said, though he anticipates turnout will be high.

"I can't predict it, because I don't know how they will feel a year and a half from now," he told reporters in Columbus a day after conducting a focus group with 20 Central Ohioans who voted for Mr. Trump. Mr. Luntz spoke Wednesday at an event hosted by the 1984 Society.

Mr. Luntz said Democrats nationwide are highly motivated, but it will be easier to predict how that might play out at the ballot box after Georgia's special congressional election next week.

"I think Republicans have a lot to be nervous about," he said. "Democrats are raising more money than they ever have."

He expected high turnout in 2018, with Democratic gains in the U.S. House.

"I do believe everything is up for grabs and I think we're going to see a lot of surprises between now and then," he said.

Voters who supported President Trump will stay behind him as long as he keeps his promises and shows progress, he said.

In Ohio, Mr. Luntz said it is still far too early to tell what the 2018 race will look like. But polling and focus groups indicate Republicans have an advantage in holding onto the governor's office, while U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Cleveland) has an advantage in keeping his seat, he said.

"They like the incumbents even though they dislike incumbency," he said. "They are more hopeful for the state than they are for the country."

The General Assembly, he said, has low unfavorability ratings.

"They don't love, but they like the legislature, and there's very little negativity surrounding them," he said. "That may have something to do with the state's economic conditions having been turned around, jobs having been created."

Anything can change, he said, cautioning against predicting anything too far out.

"When you defeat an incumbent, the seeds are sown earlier but you don't see whether they grow until the last 30 days of the campaign," he said.

Mr. Luntz said the voters who spurred Mr. Trump to victory in November were voters whose support and energy doesn't come across in polls because they don't come from metro areas.

"This is not Cleveland and Columbus and Cincinnati, it's all those places in between that feel forgotten and ignored and even betrayed. You didn't find these people in the polling," he said.

Mr. Luntz also criticized the heated political rhetoric of President Trump and others in Washington, saying they have created a divisive environment that is bad for the country.

"I think the things that are said by Donald Trump and others on Capitol Hill are contributing to an incivility that we will regret," he added. "I understand the frustration and I get it in terms of this political gridlock, but we have to be careful with our words because kids are listening, parents are listening, the world is listening, and we're just contributing to such a tinderbox environment right now."

The 1984 Society is a political action committee made up of former Ohio Senate staffers including lobbyists Sam Gerhardstein, Neil Clark and John Gonzales.

#### **Agency Briefs: Government 'Unauditable' List Grows; MMCP Files Rules with JCARR; OCRC Names New Regional Director**

Trumbull County's Mecca Township has been placed on the "unauditable" list due to incomplete financial records and bank reconciliations, State Auditor Dave Yost reports.

The insufficient records were noticed by the Independent Public Accounting firm Perry & Associates during the course of a regular financial audit last year, according to Mr. Yost's office. Without the completed records, the auditor's office is unable to complete the audit.

The township must revise its records and provide the missing data within 90 days of being notified by the auditor of the status. If the township fails to comply, the attorney general may file suit to compel the township officials to produce the necessary information.

A similar case of incomplete financial records has also placed the Village of Martinsville (Clinton County) on the unauditable list.

"Poorly kept records create a lack of accountability," Auditor Dave Yost said. "The Village of Martinsville must bring its records back to an auditable condition to complete the audit."

The Auditor's Local Government Services Section is available to help local officials bring their records to an auditable condition. An entity is removed from the unauditable list once the audit is completed and released to the public.

In a separate release, the auditor's office announced that Liberty Township (Delaware County) improperly paid over \$12,000 in health insurance opt-out payments to several employees.

State auditors found that the township's policy for offering opt-out payments conflicts with state law. The township's law allows payments of 50% of the premium of the insurance coverage that the employee would receive if the insurance is provided by the township, but the Ohio Revised Code limits payments to 25% of the premium.

Former Fiscal Officer Mark Gerber and current Fiscal Officer Nancy Denuette are liable for \$10,545 and \$1,902, respectively, if the recipient employees do not repay the township themselves, the auditor's office said.

**Medical Marijuana Control Program:** The State Medical Board, Ohio Department of Commerce and the State Board of Pharmacy have filed the remaining MMCP rules with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

After receiving public input in online Q&A sessions and holding several public meetings, the MMCP produced a revised set of rules regarding the cultivation, dispensation, and administration of marijuana for medical purposes. JCARR will review the filed rules and ensure they do not exceed the rule-making authority granted to the MMCP.

Once the rules are approved by JCARR, Ohio law dictates they must be adopted by the Medical Board, DOC, and Board of Pharmacy by September 8, when the MMCP will become fully operational.

**Civil Rights Commission:** Duffy Jamieson has been appointed as regional director of the Dayton and Cincinnati offices for the OCRC. Mr. Jamieson is an attorney with 27 years of experience with the Ohio attorney general's office and has received local and national recognition for his legal work.

"We are elated for the opportunity to again work with Duffy Jamieson, who is a highly talented individual," Executive Director of the OCRC Michael Payton said. "As prior legal counsel who prosecuted cases for the OCRC in the Attorney General's office, Duffy will bring many years of dedicated, professional service and experience to the OCRC's management team."

The OCRC has five regional offices in Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Toledo as well as a satellite office in Cincinnati.

## **Governor's Appointments**

**Board of Nursing:** Barbara Mako Douglas of Chardon for a term beginning June 14, 2017, and ending December 31, 2020 and Erin L. Keels of Columbus for a term beginning June 14, 2017, and ending December 31, 2018.

**State Board of Pharmacy:** Richard J. Newlon of New Lexington for a term beginning June 14, 2017, and ending June 30, 2020.

### **Supplemental Agency Calendar**

**Thursday, June 29**

State Audit Committee, 35th Fl., 30 E. Broad St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

### **Supplemental Event Planner**

**Thursday, June 15**

Senate Democratic Caucus news conference on budget plan, Harding Senate Press Rm., Statehouse, Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, June 21**

Rep. Jonathan Dever (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Athletic Club, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 7:30 a.m., (\$1,000, \$500 or \$350 to Friends of Jonathan Dever)

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## Senate Activity for Wednesday, June 14, 2017

### COMMITTEE HEARINGS

#### Ways & Means

**HB 124** **TAX LEVIES** (Brenner, A., Carfagna, R.) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory. (**CONTINUED-AMENDED (No testimony) (See Separate Story)**; 2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

**SB 123** **PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS** (Coley, B.) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located. (**CONTINUED (No testimony)**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

#### Energy & Natural Resources

**HB 114** **RENEWABLE ENERGY** (Blessing, L.) To revise the provisions governing renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction and to alter funding allocations under the Home Energy Assistance Program. (**CONTINUED (See separate story)**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**Subscribers Note:** For full testimony see the committee's website under June 14.

#### Finance

**SB 5** **COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY** (Hottinger, J., Eklund, J.) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency. (**REPORTED-AMENDED**; 4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendment & vote)

Before being reported, an amendment offered by Sen. John Eklund (R-Chardon) was accepted to lower the maximum income tax deduction to \$4,000.

He said at \$10,000, "the fiscal impact might be a little bit hard to swallow at this point."

Tony Fiore, of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, said "such savings incentives are vital to ensure that every young Ohioan is able to receive a quality education, and that providing savers the ability to choose the best-fitting college savings plan is a key component of these efforts."

"Because college tuition costs continue to escalate at a rate far outpacing inflation, more families will need to invest in savings plans to cover the increased costs. Such costs are expected to continue to grow at an accelerated pace," he said.

**Sen. Michael Skindell** (D-Lakewood) and **Sen. Vernon Sykes** (D-Akron) voted against the report.

**HB 49** **BIENNIAL BUDGET (Smith, R.)** To provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs. (CONTINUED (See separate stories); 8th Hearing-Public testimony)

**Early Education:** Former Sen. Shannon Jones called for additional funding for early childhood education, saying brain development is crucial for children in the first five years of their lives.

She requested an additional \$22 million over the biennium for early childhood programs.

"As we work to build a system that positions kids for success, we need to be mindful that we are only serving 60% of all eligible preschool aged kids in publicly funded child care and a mere 7% of kids eligible for public preschool in our state," she said.

"Considering our reality, cuts to current funding levels inevitably means serving even less kids. Given all that we know in this field about what a smart investment early childhood education is, cuts to these programs is irresponsible."

Stephanie Byrd, senior vice president of early learning strategies at the United Way of Greater Cincinnati, said the additional funding will help close a gap in 38 counties that are in the incorrect rate category.

She said those counties serve nearly 40,000 children.

"Funding quality in Ohio cannot be achieved without addressing this significant gap first," she said. "If this accounting injustice is fixed, children in these 38 counties will have the funds they deserve to begin increasing their access to high-quality early childhood education programming."

**Prison Diversion:** The state's judges continued to speak out against a prison diversion program.

Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Allison McCarty outlined several problems she has with the proposal, including the lack of judicial discretion.

She also raised concern that the program could have a negative impact on the treatment of individuals.

"The proposal will force judges to send unmotivated offenders to residential facilities where they will negatively affect the other offenders who are actually trying to change," she said.

"These are offenders, who, among other things, fail to report to probation, fail to complete drug screen tests, fail to attend treatment, and fail to obtain employment."

Judge McCarty also said the proposal is unlikely to reduce the state's overcrowded prison population. She said it will lead to prosecutors bringing more serious charges that are prison-eligible.

**Teacher Residency:** Matt Verber, executive director of policy and advocacy for Educopia, called on lawmakers to restore the Ohio teacher residency program.

"If the Resident Educator Program and the RESA are eliminated, what happens next?" he asked. "How would districts support beginning teachers? What would be the requirement for Resident Educators to advance to professional license?"

Carol Theis, a Resident Educator Program Coordinator for Solon City Schools, said the program provides new teachers with the skills and training needed to be good educators.

"Mentoring must be combined with some additional method of accountability for teacher effectiveness throughout the entire state of Ohio," she said. "The RESA provides just that. It is the backbone of the entire Resident Educator Program and ensures all students will have a competent teacher who has demonstrated the minimum skills to be an effective educator."

**Sen. Peggy Lehner** (R-Kettering) asked about the impact the program has on education.

Ms. Theis said it ensures that there is a guaranteed level of teacher quality.

Michele Pomerantz, policy and labor liaison for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, said in the 2016-17 school year, CMSD had 526 resident educators.

"Educator program signals the state's commitment to the success of beginning teachers and, in turn, the students they serve," she said. "Eliminating Resident Educator and the mentoring and induction it provides would deprive new teachers across the state, and in Cleveland, of the resources and support they need to be successful."

**Telemedicine Reimbursement:** Janet Shaw, executive director of the Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Association, praised a provision that provides reimbursement for telemedicine. She said it will allow more of the one in five Ohioans that experience a mental illness each year to get the treatment they need.

Ms. Shaw also said the program can be a tool used to fight the opioid epidemic and reduce drug overdose deaths.

"Perhaps many of these lives could have been saved if Ohioans had increased access to physicians who have been trained to treat drug addiction and untreated co-occurring mental illness - which is, in many instances, what causes an individual to abuse alcohol and prescription medications, as well as other illicit drugs," she said.

"Telemedicine (including tele-psychiatry) is a powerful tool that can connect people with mental health and addiction treatment services. It is a key innovation in support of health care delivery reform, it is being used in initiatives to improve access to care and care coordination, and it is being utilized to reduce the rate of growth in health care spending."

**Public Libraries:** Michelle Francis, director of government and legal services for the Ohio Library Council, praised lawmakers for putting more money into the Public Library Fund after the administration and House versions of the budget would have cut funding by \$17 million in FY 2018.

"We understand that this is a tight budget and that the Senate has difficult decisions to make. OLC would like to publicly thank you for considering public libraries and the essential services we provide to Ohio's citizens and taxpayers," she said.

"Minimizing the PLF reduction to 1.68% of the GRF is a step in the right direction. We hope to continue to work with the Senate to strive and return the PLF to the current rate of 1.7% if possible."

Ms. Francis also spoke highly of a proposal to utilize public libraries as "continuous learning centers."

However, she warned that it will be difficult for local libraries to meet that challenge if they face funding cuts.

"As state revenues continue to fall below estimates, it is important to remember that library usage increases during economic downturns as people turn to their local library for computer and Internet access, job search assistance, resume building and job skills training," she said.

**Domestic Violence:** Sue Villilo, executive director of Faith Mission and CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence, called for assurance that a line item of \$100,000 will go toward the newly created Domestic Violence Program.

In the current version of the budget, language says the attorney general's office may utilize \$100,000 from its operating expenses for that purpose.

"I understand this is not an easy budget to ask for new funding, but numerous states offer direct line item support for domestic violence programs and Ohio has fallen behind in helping this vulnerable population get, and stay on, its feet," she said.

She also asked for support of an amendment that would eliminate a proposal to create a new Domestic Violence Advisory Board. Instead, she said, the existing State Victims Assistance Advisory Council should be utilized "so as not to create more bureaucracy."

**Housing Fund:** Bill Faith of Home Matters to Ohio called for the restoration of the Ohio Housing Trust Fund.

He called the fund the state's most significant resource to prevent homelessness and provide affordable housing for several groups, including seniors and those with disabilities.

"The Trust Fund not only provides funding to help these families access opportunity, but also leverages private funds and stimulates economic activity," he said. "For every dollar spent by the Trust Fund, over \$11.50 of economic output is generated."

Mr. Faith said the House sought to expand the trust fund, which he said is also a tool in the fight against opioids with funds dedicated to providing housing options for low-income individuals exiting addiction treatment programs.

Emily Lundgard, state and local policy director for Enterprise Community Partners, struck a similar tone.

She said the trust fund has a 25-year track record of success.

"Expanding the Trust Fund will create a stable foundation for working families, individuals overcoming addiction, veterans returning home, seniors, and so many more," she said.

"Beyond that, it has proven to produce a significant return on investment - leveraging other dollars into Ohio, lowering costs in other systems, and providing families economic opportunity."

Butler County Recorder Danny Crank also spoke in favor of the fund.

**Waiver Funding:** Dean Fadel, board president of the Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities, outlined several requested additions to the budget, including restoring the transitions developmental disabilities administration waiver funding and clarifying the real estate tax exemption for developmental disabilities housing.

"The TDD waiver has been an attractive option for people with significant medical needs who want to live at home. The Senate has now proposed a massive 40% cut in FY19 to this line item," he said. "We are hopeful that this committee can use some of the new dollars it has allotted for DODD to fill this gap."

With regards to tax exemptions, Mr. Fadel explained that the Ohio Board of Tax Appeals recently ruled that the law does not explicitly state that developmental disabilities housing is exempt from property taxes.

"Rough estimates from Franklin County alone show that if these homes were required to pay property taxes, then rent would increase about \$100 per person, per month," he said. "This

increase would be devastating to people with developmental disabilities who already need assistance to afford community living."

**Health Food:** Kristin Mullins, executive director of the Ohio Grocers Association, requested that the Senate restore the House version's funding of \$500,000 for the Healthy Food for Ohio program.

"Profit margins for grocers are razor thin - just 1-1.5% - and our membership faces unique challenges in incorporating and expanding businesses," she said. "The HFFO program offers flexible grant and loan dollars to grocers that they might not otherwise be able to find through traditional lending means."

Diana Turoff, president and CEO of the Finance Fund Capital Corporation, explained the benefits of the HFFO program and asked that its funding be restored.

"Since launching last year, HFFO has funded seven sustainable, community-driven, job-creating, healthy food access retail projects that are enabling people to live healthier, longer, and free of chronic disease," she said. "These projects provide 46,000 Ohioans with fresh, affordable food and have created 125 full-time jobs."

**Support Services:** Larke Recchie, CEO of the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging, approved of the amendment to the budget that creates an innovative system for managed long term support services.

"With legislative oversight through an advisory committee, and additional language as proposed providing the expected roles for the Area Agencies on Aging, [the amendment] assures continuity of care for consumers but also maintains flexibility for managed care plans," she explained.

**Environmental Issues:** Trent Dougherty, general counsel for the Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund, thanked the Senate for restoring funding to the Healthy Lake Erie Fund and removing provisions that threaten state and public land. He also suggested closing a loophole in Ohio Oil and Gas Laws.

The emergency responder chemical reporting loophole allows the chief of the Ohio DNR Division of Oil and Gas to receive trade secret chemical information but not share it with anyone, even in the case of emergencies. Mr. Dougherty requested an amendment to the budget that would provide immediate access to all chemical information during an emergency, incident, spill, or release.

"This priority, unlike many other asks of this committee, will not cost the General Revenue Fund a dime," he said. "Instead, the amendments we recommend could save local governments and the communities they serve a great deal of time, money, and resources when responding to emergencies - and perhaps even save lives."

**Medicaid Cuts:** Sara Kline, board chair of the Autism Society of Greater Akron, encouraged the Senate to reconsider the Medicaid cuts proposed in the House budget. She explained specifically how individuals with autism depend on support from Medicaid, including her own daughter.

"It is very possible for Lindsay to become a taxpaying citizen and live on her own, and continue making progress in her daily living skills, but she will need Medicaid as the primary financial mechanism to support her," she said. "It also pays for job coaches, transportation, habilitative care, and in-home support, allowing her to live as independently as possible."

To continue this support, Ms. Kline recommended increasing wages for direct care providers and supporting the Federal Medicaid Expansion.

**Disabled Children:** Kim Mathews, member of the Parental Advisory Board for the Bureau of Children with Medical Handicaps, thanked the Senate for maintaining the House's removal of changes to the BCMH program.

The governor's budget included a proposal to significantly change this program and make families ineligible and without necessary supports," she said. "Your colleagues in the House heard concerns from families like mine and removed these proposed changes to the program."

In addition to preserving the program, Ms. Mathews also requested a small increase to the BCMH line item that supports young adults with cystic fibrosis. The additional funds would prevent changes in eligibility and services, she said.

Mary Dwight and Lisa Feng, policy directors at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, expressed their support of a funding increase to align the appropriation with program costs.

"For people living with CF in Ohio, BCMH acts as a supplemental insurance, offering critical supports that include filling coverage gaps and providing cost-sharing assistance that ensure access to essential services for this population," they explained.

**Licensure Restored:** Dianne Farabi, executive director of the Ohio Orthotics and Prosthetics Association, thanked the Senate for restoring licensure for orthotic, prosthetic, and pedorthic practitioners through the formation of a new State Physical Health Services Board.

"With their very specialized advanced education and training, O P & P practitioners work with physicians and other members of a physical rehabilitation team to restore mobility to ultimately save lives and money," she wrote.

**Pharmacy Reimbursements:** Antonio Ciaccia, director of government & public affairs for the Ohio Pharmacists Association, said without higher Medicaid reimbursements to pharmacies, many across the state could go out of business.

Those closures, he said, could impact the most vulnerable Ohioans.

"Pharmacies are closing in high-Medicaid areas, and MCO reimbursement trends are already getting worse. Pharmacies are shredding staff, freezing hiring, and some owners are not taking a paycheck just to keep the business afloat," he said. "The MCOs remain profitable and Medicaid entitlements grow, but the cost has been absorbed back home in your districts."

**Opiate Epidemic:** Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities Cheri Walter asked for restoration of funding for nine withdrawal management centers and \$12 million to help treat people once they exit the centers.

She said first responders across the state are burning out from saving the same people with Narcan time and time again.

"People are just rotating in and out of emergency rooms if they don't have somewhere to go," she said.

**Railroad Funding:** Art Arnold, executive director of the Ohio Railroad Association, said the Ohio Rail Development Commission's budget was reduced in the House by 50% in FY 2019, which is about a \$1 million cut.

He asked for that funding to be restored. The ORDC, he said, has been involved in the creation of about 50,000 statewide in recent years.

The ORCD has also been able to leverage about \$550 million in additional funding, Mr. Arnold said.

"All those projects involve infrastructure that is seeded here in Ohio," he said.

**Subscriber's Note:** For full testimony see the [committee's website](#) under June 14.

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## Daily Activity Planner for Thursday, June 15

### Legislative Committees

**Senate Public Utilities** (Committee Record) (Chr. Beagle, B., 466-6247), Finance Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

**SB 155** **SECURITY RESOURCES** (Terhar, L., Peterson, B.) To allow electric distribution utilities to recover costs for a national security generation resource. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**SB 157** **UTILITY RESELLING** (Bacon, K.) To regulate the reselling of public utility service. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Pending referral)

**Senate Rules & Reference** (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 10 a.m.

**Senate Session** (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 11 a.m.

**Senate Finance** (Committee Record) (Chr. Oelslager, S., 466-0626), Finance Hearing Rm., 1 p.m. or after session

**HB 49** **BIENNIAL BUDGET** (Smith, R.) To provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs. (9th Hearing-Public testimony)

### Agency Calendar

**State Teachers Retirement System**, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, 8:30 a.m.

**Criminal Justice Recodification Committee**, South Hearing Rm., Senate Bldg., Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

**Criminal Sentencing Commission**, Moyer Judicial Center, 65. S. Fourth St., Room 101, Columbus, 10 a.m.

**Ethics Commission**, 30 West Spring Street, Meeting Room 2, 2nd Fl., Columbus, 11:30 a.m.

### Event Planner

**Senate Democratic Caucus news conference on budget plan**, Harding Senate Press Rm., Statehouse, Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

**Sen. Bob Hackett (R-London) fundraiser**, Spriggs residence, 330 Eagle Court, Springfield, 5:30 p.m., (\$2,500 Diamond Sponsor | \$1,000 Gold Sponsor | \$500 Silver Sponsor | \$250 Bronze Sponsor | \$100 Supporter to Hackett for Ohio.

**Special guest: State Auditor Dave Yost, Candidate for Attorney General)**

**Rep. Steve Hambley (R-Brunswick) and Rep. Darrell Kick (R-Loudonville) fundraiser**, Jilbert Winery, 1496 Columbia Road, Valley City, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000; Patron: \$500; Host: \$250 to Hambley for House Committee and/or Darrell Kick for State Rep)

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State Representative Kristin Boggs  
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**TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS**

**FROM: REPRESENTATIVES KRISTIN BOGGS & NICKIE ANTONIO**

**DATE: JUNE 16, 2017**

**RE: MATERNAL HEALTHCARE ACT FOR YOUNG MOTHERS**

We will soon introduce legislation that will allow pregnant minors to consent to prenatal through delivery health care in order to achieve the best possible health outcomes for the pregnant minor and her unborn child.

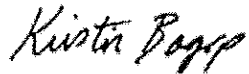
Too often pregnant minors that want to continue their pregnancy become estranged from their family. As a result, the pregnant minor may not be able to seek and receive adequate prenatal health care because her guardian will not accompany her to medical appointments and provide the necessary consent.

While Ohio law currently provides a process for minors to be judicially emancipated for the purpose of being able to make their own medical decisions, there are too many pregnancy-related medical conditions that need to be addressed immediately in order to have the best health outcomes. For example, a pregnant minor may go to an emergency room when she begins labor and find out for the first time that the baby is positioned in a such a way that having a cesarean section is the safest way to give birth. Unfortunately, under current Ohio law, a doctor cannot perform the cesarean section without parental consent, until her delivery condition is considered

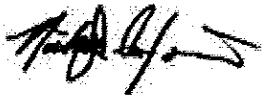
a "medical emergency". This unnecessarily puts the health of the mother and the unborn child in a compromising situation.

This legislation will allow the pregnant minor to consent to the best delivery and prenatal care that will help keep her, and her baby, healthy.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, or if you have any questions, please contact Serena Finlay at [Serena.Finlay@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Serena.Finlay@ohiohouse.gov) by 5pm June 28<sup>th</sup>.



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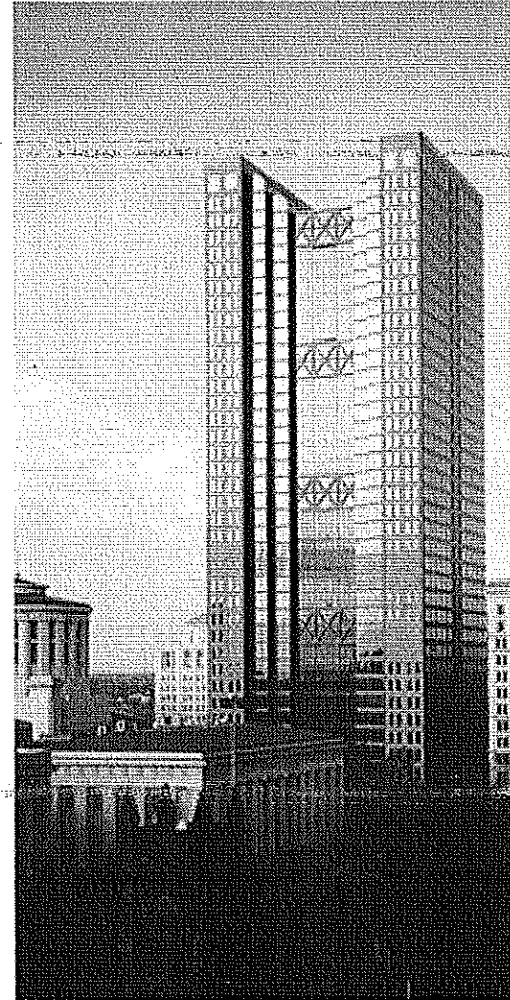
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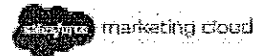
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## KEY VOTE ALERT

**TO:** Members of the Ohio House of Representatives

**FROM:** Don Boyd, Director, Labor & Legal Affairs

**RE:** Upcoming Floor Vote on HB 2

**DATE:** June 19, 2017

Businesses in Ohio are hampered by a cumbersome six-year statute of limitations on employment discrimination claims - the longest by far of any state - that creates costly recordkeeping expenses for businesses and prevents timely, fair, and efficient resolution of claims for both employers and employees. In addition, employers are forced to defend claims in both civil court and at the Ohio Civil Rights Commission (OCRC) simultaneously which is inefficient and a waste of resources. These are just two of the ways Ohio's employment discrimination statutes are out of line with their counterparts at the federal level and in other states. **HB 2 seeks to maintain robust protection for Ohio employees from discrimination in the workplace while also improving predictability, stability and administrative efficiency for Ohio employers.**

HB 2 would create a uniform two-year statute of limitation to both file a claim with the OCRC and bring a civil lawsuit. Currently, employees can file an OCRC claim and a civil action causing employers to defend both at the same time. HB 2 prevents this wasteful use of resources by requiring claimants to

first file a claim with the OCRC before pursuing civil litigation. After a claim is filed with the OCRC, an individual would be able to elect to continue with the OCRC process or go to civil court.

Under HB 2, individual supervisors or managers are not held personally liable under the employment law statutes when that individual is acting in the interest of an employer (unless that individual is the employer). This will allow supervisors and managers to exercise sound judgment without fear of being sued when making management decisions on matters such as employee discipline or termination. However, individual liability for claims of retaliation and aiding and abetting discrimination will be retained under HB 2. Further, in the event that a supervisor would commit an egregious act of harassment, additional remedies exist under other laws, such as intentional torts, and are not impacted by HB 2. Lastly, HB 2 consolidates and simplifies the age discrimination statutes and codifies federal case law allowing employers to raise an affirmative defense in certain types of discrimination claims. **The Ohio Chamber of Commerce strongly supports HB 2 which will benefit Ohio's employers by bringing balance to Ohio's employment discrimination statutes.**

For these reasons, we urge you to vote yes on HB 2. **Please be aware that your vote on HB 2 will be reflected in the Ohio Chamber's General Assembly Voting Record.** If you have any questions about this bill or the Ohio Chamber's position, please contact me at (614) 228-4201 or [dboyd@ohiochamber.com](mailto:dboyd@ohiochamber.com).

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***Ohio investigative agents to be trained to recognize human trafficking victims***

June 19, 2017

By Jackie Borchardt

Undercover agents with the Ohio State Highway Patrol have a new assignment in addition to their regular duties -- spotting and preventing human trafficking.

Agents in the patrol's Ohio Investigative Unit are being trained to identify possible human trafficking victims at bars, truck stops and other places where they're already investigating crimes. When agents determine someone may be working against his or her will, they will then connect that person with local programs and resources.

"If you have your eyes on what's happening, you may prevent somebody from being taken and abused and have long term ramifications of their life," Gov. John Kasich told a handful of agents at a Monday news conference announcing the initiative.

The highway patrol employs about 85 undercover agents to investigate liquor, tobacco and food stamp violations. Their work often takes them to illegal "after hours" clubs that serve alcohol without liquor licenses and truck stops, where they might encounter someone forced or manipulated into sex work or other labor.

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# GOP Week in Review

6/12/17 – 6/18/17

**Columbus Dispatch: The Daily Briefing: Ohio Senate president talks insurance mandates at White House**

He was joined by Sen. Steve Wilson, R-Maineville, Rep. Mark Romanchuk, R-Mansfield, and Rea Hederman Jr. of the Buckeye Institute.

**Cincinnati Business Courier: Ohio dogs soon may get their day on restaurant patios**

"I'm a huge animal advocate. There's a number of other states and municipalities that allow it. It's all over Europe," Lanese told me on Tuesday. "Why not allow restaurants to make the decision for themselves? They know their customers best."

**Columbus Underground: New bill would allow dogs on restaurant patios**

"This legislation gives businesses the freedom to decide for themselves whether or not to allow dogs on their patios," said State Representative Laura Lanese (R-Grove City), who sponsored the bill. "It is also a recognition of the importance of animals in our lives. We already have pet-friendly hotels, pet-friendly parks, and pet-friendly events. It's a good opportunity for marketing our state as pet-friendly for tourism purposes as many travelers want to bring their pets along with them while they travel."

**WSYX: Lawmakers looking to allow dogs to dine at restaurants**

The sponsor of the bill, Rep. Laura Lanese (R - Grove City) said she started working on the bill after hearing from several restaurant owners who had only recently learned they couldn't have dogs on the patio. She said she understands some people won't want to eat with dogs around.

**Cleveland Plain Dealer: Ohio budget bill would expand wrongful conviction payouts**

Rep. Bill Seitz, the Cincinnati Republican who sponsored the 2003 bill, said the court got it wrong. The legislature always intended procedural errors, regardless of when they occurred in the case, to make someone eligible for compensation.

**WDTN: Ohio congressman hailed a hero for helping Scalise after Virginia shooting**

"We're at a time in our country," Rep. Niraj Antani said. "Where we all just need to take a step back."

**Youngstown Vindicator: As senior population grows, so, too, must commitment to elder-abuse prevention**

Three months ago, State Rep. Wes Retherford, R-Hamilton, introduced House Bill 78, popularly known as the Elder Justice Act. It includes reforms to laws governing procedures of the JFS and Adult Protective Services in all 88 counties to better protect seniors from mistreatment.

**The Daily Reporter: Lawmaker seeks tax credit to boost local voting**

Rep. Steve Hambley, R-Brunswick, sponsor of House Bill 185, cited Ohio's non-presidential election turnout — 40.37 percent — as justification for his bill.

**Perry Tribune: Representatives introduce legislation on right to carry for off-duty officers**

State Representatives Larry Householder (R-Glenford) and Laura Lanese (R-Grove City) have introduced legislation to protect the right of off-duty peace officers to carry a concealed weapon.

**Dayton Daily News: Backers want Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame at future monument site**

State Rep. Rick Perales, R-Beavercreek, has introduced a bill establishing a nine-member board to oversee the Hall of Fame and a 2022 deadline for construction.

**Daily Advocate: Guest column from Rep. Keith Faber: Old Glory withstands the changes of time**

As public servants of this great nation, our loyalty to "Old Glory" is of the utmost importance; we must uphold the values it represents.

**Richland Source: Guest column from Rep. Mark Romanchuk: Remembering the significance of the flag**

To many, the American flag is the ultimate symbol of the values that our nation was built on—democracy, equality, freedom, and more. Every day, it flies above us, standing strong in the face of the adversities our nation encounters.

**Times Reporter: Guest column from Rep. Al Landis: Legislation strengthens our families and communities**

An important part of the success of the House Republican Caucus is to have a focused, member-driven policy platform that serves as the guiding principle behind priority

legislation. Earlier this year, our caucus unveiled the Buckeye Pathway, our policy agenda for the 132nd General Assembly.

**News Journal: Guest column from Speaker Rosenberger: Wilmington's indeed split-tacular**

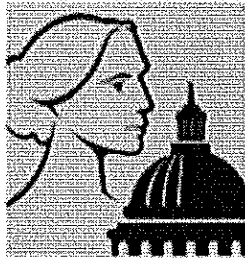
A banana divided in two, topped with three scoops of ice cream, and finished with chocolate syrup, whipped cream, and a cherry. What could possibly be more delicious on a hot summer day? To us in Wilmington, what makes the banana split so special is that it was originally created right here in 1907.

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## HOUSE ACTIVITY REPORT

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**HCR 12**

**AMTRAK SERVICE (Sheehy, M.)**

To urge Congress and the President of the United States to support a federal budget that retains Amtrak passenger service in Ohio.

### INTRODUCED

**HB 278**

**VEHICULAR ASSAULT (Patton, T., Keller, C.)**

To include negligently causing serious physical

harm to a law enforcement officer while operating a motor vehicle or other specified mode of transportation as a violation of the offense of vehicular assault.

**HB 279**

**JOHN GLENN HOME (Hill, B., Rosenberger, C.)**

To require the Ohio History Connection to designate John Glenn's childhood home as a state historic site.

**HB 280**

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**MOTORCYCLE PROTECTION (Goodman, W.)**

To permit a person to wear earplugs for hearing protection while operating a motorcycle.

**HB 281**

**BROADBAND EXPANSION (Carfagna, R.)**

To establish the residential broadband expansion program within the Development Services Agency to award matching grants for last mile broadband expansion in municipal corporations and townships and to make an appropriation.

**HB 282**

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (Hambley, S.)**

To expressly prohibit criminal mischief relating to residential rental property and to prohibit a metropolitan housing authority from renting or providing housing assistance to a person who has recently been convicted of criminal mischief relating to residential rental property.

**HB 283**

**ADOPTIONS (Rezabek, J.)**

To require the juvenile court judge to provide written consent to certain adoptions involving abused, neglected, or dependent children.

**CALENDAR FOR COMING SESSION**

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**SB 7**

**PROTECTION ORDERS (Bacon, K., Manning, G.)**

To provide that service of a protection order or consent agreement upon a person is not necessary for the person to be convicted of the offense of violating a protection order if the person had actual notice of the order or agreement and the person recklessly violated its terms.

Wednesday, June 21

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**HB 41**

**VOTER REGISTRATION (Pelanda, D.)**

To modify the law concerning challenges to voter registrations, the appointment of observers, and the procedures for processing absent voter's ballots and for casting absent voter's ballots in person.

Wednesday, June 21

**HB 60**

**DRIVER'S LICENSES (Hambley, S., Rogers, J.)**

To authorize the issuance of an enhanced driver's license, enhanced commercial driver's license, and enhanced identification card to facilitate land and sea border crossings between the United States and Canada and Mexico, pursuant to an agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security.

Wednesday, June 21

**HB 69**

**TIF DISTRICTS (Cupp, R.)**

= A To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district.

Wednesday, June 21

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**HB 95****DISTRACTED DRIVING (Hughes, J., Seitz, B.)**

To establish an enhanced penalty for committing a moving violation while distracted if the distraction is the apparent cause of the violation and to reenact provisions of law that specified that certain electronic wireless communications device violations were allied offenses of similar import.

Wednesday, June 21

**HB 145****CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT (Huffman, S., Sprague, R.)**

To provide for the establishment of a confidential program for the treatment of certain impaired practitioners and to declare an emergency.

**HB 158****MILITARY TRANSFERS (Perales, R., Craig, H.)**

To permit persons who quit work to accompany the person's spouse on a military transfer to be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits.

Wednesday, June 21

**HB 170****COMPUTER SCIENCE (Carfagna, R., Duffey, M.)**

With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation.

Wednesday, June 21

**HB 195****WHEELCHAIR TRANSPORTS (Ingram, C., Seitz, B.)**

To modify the provisions concerning the transport of persons who require the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid in nonemergency circumstances.

Wednesday, June 21

**HB 213****REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS (Dever, J.)**

To change the definition of "appraisal" for purposes of the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Law, to make changes to certain procedures and the exceptions to licensure under that law, to regulate appraisal management companies, and to declare an emergency.

Wednesday, June 21

**REFERRED****Civil Justice****HB 267****POLITICAL SUBDIVISION LIABILITY (Ingram, C.)**

To eliminate certain defenses to political subdivision liability for an employee's negligent operation of a motor vehicle and to reduce damages recoverable against a political subdivision in such actions by the contributory fault of the plaintiff or other parties.

**HB 271****ACCESSIBILITY LAWS (McColley, R., Rezabek, J.)**

To authorize an alleged aggrieved party to provide a notice of an alleged accessibility law violation in advance of filing a civil action and to establish the circumstances under which an alleged aggrieved party is entitled to attorney's fees in a civil action based on the violation.

**Criminal Justice****HB 259****VIOLENCE DATABASE (Seitz, B., West, T.)**

To require the Attorney General to establish a database of persons who have committed an

offense of violence at an A-1-A, A-1c, or D liquor permit premises and to provide access to the database to holders of those categories of liquor permits.

**HB 276**

**UTILITY WORKERS (Rezabek, J., Greenspan, D.)**

To expand the offense of aggravated menacing to prohibit threatening a utility worker with intent to obstruct the operation of a utility.

**Economic Development, Commerce & Labor**

**HB 263**

**OUTDOOR DINING AREAS (Lanese, L.)**

To generally allow an owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog to take the dog in an outdoor dining area of a retail food establishment or food service operation.

**Energy & Natural Resources**

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**HB 272**

**HUNTING LICENSES (Householder, L., Kick, D.)**

To allow a landowner's grandchildren of any age to hunt or fish on the landowner's property without obtaining a hunting license, deer permit, wild turkey permit, fur taker permit, fishing license, or waterfowl hunting permit, and to allow certain partially disabled veterans to receive a free license, permit, or wetlands habitat stamp.

**Government Accountability & Oversight**

**HB 262**

**STATE BUDGET (Butler, J., Romanchuk, M.)**

To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the

House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook.

**HB 274**

**VOTER REGISTRATION (Clyde, K.)**

To modify the circumstances under which a voter registration may be canceled.

**HB 277**

**EDUCATION APPEALS (Seitz, B.)**

To stay the execution of certain judgments in favor of the Department of Education during the appeals process.= A

**Health**

= A

**HB 273**

**ADMITTING PRIVILEGES (Gavarone, T.)**

To prohibit a physician from being required to secure a maintenance of certification as a condition of obtaining licensure, reimbursement, or employment or obtaining admitting privileges or surgical privileges at a hospital or health care facility.

**Insurance**

= A

**HB 268**

**WORKERS COMPENSATION (Henne, M.)**

To make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law with respect to self-insuring employers.= A

**HB 269**

**WORKERS COMPENSATION (Henne, M.)**

To rename the entities who carry out workers'

compensation functions in this state, to require the Administrator of Worker Safety and Rehabilitation to develop incentives for employers to participate in safety consultations and loss prevention programs, to require an employee who is receiving temporary total disability compensation to comply with a return to work plan, and to make changes with respect to compensation for permanent total disability and death benefits.

### **Transportation & Public Safety**

#### **HB 256**

#### **REGIONAL AIRPORTS (Butler, J., Zeltwanger, P.)**

To create the Major Air Hub Council, to require the Council to construct two commercial service airports, one in Fayette County and one in Portage County, and to create the Southern Ohio Airport Authority and the Northern Ohio Airport Authority to operate the airports.

#### **HB 257**

#### **ROAD NAMING (Green, D.)**

To designate a portion of U.S. Route 68 in Brown County as the "Army Specialist David Lee Bingamon Memorial Highway."

#### **HB 260**

#### **DRIVING PRIVILEGES (Butler, J., Sykes, E.)**

To require a court to grant limited driving privileges to a person in relation to a driver's license suspension under certain circumstances.

#### **HB 261**

#### **LICENSE PLATE (Anielski, M., Roegner, K.)**

To create the Walsh Jesuit license plate.

#### **HB 264**

#### **LICENSE PLATE (Roegner, K.)**

To create the "Hudson City Schools" license plate.

**HB 265**

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**LICENSE PLATE (Roegner, K.)**

To create the "Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools" license plate.

**HB 266**

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**LICENSE PLATE (Roegner, K.)**

To create the "Twinsburg City Schools" license plate.

**HB 270**

**ROAD NAMING (Smith, K., Rogers, J.)**

To designate a portion of I-271 in Cuyahoga County as the "Captain Michael Palumbo Memorial Highway."

**HB 275**

**BRIDGE NAMING (Slaby, M.)**

To designate the bridge spanning the Tuscarawas River, that is part of State Route 93 in Canal Fulton, as the "Lance Corporal Michael Stangelo, USMC, Memorial Bridge."

## **SENATE ACTIVITY REPORT**

### **INTRODUCED**

**SB 165**

**BRINE SALES (Dolan, M., Skindell, M.)**

To establish conditions and requirements for the sale of brine from certain oil or gas operations as a commodity and to exempt such a commodity from requirements otherwise applicable to brine.

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**Bills for Third Consideration**

**Sub. H. B. No. 170 – Representatives Carfagna, Duffey**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Brenner, LaTourette, Reineke, Boggs, Hambley, Koehler**

To amend sections 3301.079 and 3313.603 and to enact sections 3301.012, 3314.0110, 3315.17, 3319.236, and 3326.082 of the Revised Code with regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds.

(Committee on Education and Career Readiness recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 7, 2017, p. 535.)

**Am. S. B. No. 2 – Senator Hite**

**Cosponsors: Senators Gardner, Manning, Yuko, Williams, Brown, Sykes, LaRose, Bacon, Balderson, Beagle, Burke, Dolan, Eklund, Hackett, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Kunze, Lehner, Obhof, O'Brien, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Tavares, Thomas, Uecker Representatives Landis, Leland, Schaffer**

To amend sections 1506.21, 1506.23, 3714.01, 3714.02, 3714.051, 3714.06, 3714.062, 3714.082, 3734.061, 3734.19, 3734.20, 3734.21, 3734.22, 3734.23, 3734.30, 5301.80, 6109.02, 6109.08, 6109.24, 6111.03, 6111.04, 6111.07, and 6111.30 and to enact sections 3714.022, 6109.25, 6111.052, 6111.33, and 6111.34 of the Revised Code to revise specified laws relating to environmental protection.

(House committee on Energy and Natural Resources recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 502.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 15, 2017, p. 238.)

(Senate committee on Energy and Natural Resources recommends amended bill for passage, see Senate Journal, March 9, 2017, p. 219.)

#### **Sub. H. B. No. 213 – Representative Dever**

##### **Cosponsor: Representative Celebrezze**

To amend sections 109.572, 121.08, 4763.01, 4763.02, 4763.03, 4763.05, 4763.08, 4763.11, 4763.12, 4763.13, 4763.14, 4763.15, 4763.17, and 4763.19 and to enact sections 4768.01, 4768.02, 4768.03, 4768.04, 4768.05, 4768.06, 4768.07, 4768.08, 4768.09, 4768.10, 4768.11, 4768.12, 4768.13, 4768.14, 4768.15, and 4768.99 of the Revised Code to change the definition of "appraisal" for purposes of the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Law, to make changes to certain procedures and the exceptions to licensure under that law, to regulate appraisal management companies, and to declare an emergency.

(Committee on Civil Justice recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 544.)

#### **Sub. H. B. No. 199 – Representative Blessing**

##### **Cosponsors: Representatives Seitz, Wiggam, Sprague, Brenner, Hughes, Dever**

To amend sections 9.02, 109.572, 1181.21, 1181.25, 1315.21, 1319.12, 1321.02, 1321.51, 1321.52, 1321.53, 1321.54, 1321.55, 1321.551, 1321.57, 1321.58, 1321.59, 1321.60, 1321.72, 1321.99, 1322.01, 1322.02, 1322.021, 1322.023, 1322.024, 1322.025, 1322.03, 1322.031, 1322.04, 1322.041, 1322.042, 1322.043, 1322.05, 1322.051, 1322.052, 1322.06, 1322.061, 1322.065, 1322.07, 1322.072, 1322.073, 1322.074, 1322.075, 1322.081, 1322.09, 1322.10, 1322.11, 1322.12, 1322.99, 1329.71, 1335.02, 1345.01, 1349.27, 1349.43, 1349.44, 1349.45, 1349.99, 2923.31, 4712.01, 4719.01, 4728.11, 4735.05, and 4763.03; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 1322.02 (1322.07), 1322.021 (1322.16), 1322.023 (1322.05), 1322.024 (1322.02), 1322.025 (1322.55), 1322.03 (1322.09), 1322.031 (1322.20), 1322.04 (1322.10), 1322.041 (1322.21), 1322.042 (1322.24), 1322.043 (1322.25), 1322.05 (1322.32), 1322.051 (1322.27), 1322.052 (1322.28), 1322.06 (1322.34), 1322.061 (1322.36), 1322.065 (1322.17), 1322.07 (1322.40), 1322.072 (1322.35), 1322.073 (1322.15), 1322.074 (1322.41), 1322.075 (1322.42), 1322.081 (1322.45), 1322.09 (1322.46), 1322.10 (1322.50), 1322.101 (1322.51), 1322.11 (1322.52), and 1322.12 (1322.57); to enact new sections 1322.04 and 1322.12 and sections 1322.29, 1322.30, 1322.43, and 1322.56; and to repeal sections 1321.521, 1321.522, 1321.531, 1321.532, 1321.533, 1321.534, 1321.535, 1321.536, 1321.537, 1321.538, 1321.552, 1321.592, 1321.593, 1321.594, 1322.022, 1322.062, 1322.063, 1322.064, 1322.071, and 1322.08 of the Revised Code to create the Ohio Residential Mortgage Lending Act for the purpose of regulating all non-depository lending secured by residential real estate and to limit the application of the current Mortgage Loan Law to unsecured loans and loans secured by other than residential real estate.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 20, 2017, p. 554.)

**H. B. No. 158 – Representatives Perales, Craig**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Antonio, Ashford, Boccieri, Brenner, Craig, Cera, Dever, Henne, Lepore-Hagan, Lipps, Manning, Rezabek, Johnson, Lanese, Landis, Miller, Riedel, Young**

To amend section 4141.29 of the Revised Code to permit persons who quit work to accompany the person's spouse on a military transfer to be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits.

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 543.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 95 – Representatives Hughes, Seitz**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Duffey, Carfagna, Green, Johnson, Manning, Patton**

To amend sections 4511.03, 4511.051, 4511.12, 4511.121, 4511.132, 4511.204, 4511.205, 4511.21, 4511.211, 4511.213, 4511.22, 4511.23, 4511.25, 4511.26, 4511.27, 4511.28, 4511.29, 4511.30, 4511.31, 4511.32, 4511.33, 4511.34, 4511.35, 4511.36, 4511.37, 4511.38, 4511.39, 4511.40, 4511.41, 4511.42, 4511.43, 4511.431, 4511.44, 4511.441, 4511.451, 4511.46, 4511.47, 4511.54, 4511.55, 4511.57, 4511.58, 4511.59, 4511.60, 4511.61, 4511.64, 4511.71, 4511.711, 4511.712, 4511.713, 4511.72, and 4511.73 and to enact section 4511.991 of the Revised Code to establish an enhanced penalty for committing a moving violation while distracted if the distraction is a contributing factor to the commission of the violation and to reenact provisions of law that specified that certain electronic wireless communications device violations were allied offenses of similar import.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 18, 2017, p. 490.)

**Am. H. B. No. 223 – Representative Dever**

To amend sections 2323.58, 2323.581, 2323.582, 2323.583, 2323.584, 2323.585, 2323.586, and 2323.587 of the Revised Code relative to transfers of structured settlement payment rights.

(Committee on Civil Justice recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 20, 2017, p. 555.)

**H. B. No. 145 – Representatives Huffman, Sprague**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Seitz, Blessing, Butler, Clyde, Faber**

To amend sections 4730.32, 4731.224, 4731.25, 4760.16, 4762.16, and 4774.16 and to enact sections 4731.251, 4731.252, 4731.253, and 4778.17 of the Revised Code to

provide for the establishment of a confidential program for the treatment of certain impaired practitioners and to declare an emergency.

(Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends passage, see House Journal, June 6, 2017, p. 520.)

**Am. H. B. No. 69 – Representative Cupp**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Blessing, Dever, Hambley, Hill, Faber, Seitz, Arndt, Carfagna**

To amend section 5709.40 of the Revised Code to require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 450.)

**H. B. No. 60 – Representatives Hambley, Rogers**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Seitz, Sheehy, Becker, Retherford, Thompson, Stein, Green**

To amend sections 4506.01, 4506.11, 4507.01, 4507.13, and 4507.52 and to enact sections 4506.072, 4507.021, 4507.061, and 4507.511 of the Revised Code to authorize the issuance of an enhanced driver's license, enhanced commercial driver's license, and enhanced identification card to facilitate land and sea border crossings between the United States and Canada and Mexico, pursuant to an agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 474.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 10 – Representative Arndt**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Duffey, Thompson, Stein, Goodman, Dever, Brenner**

To amend sections 1707.03, 1707.17, 1707.19, 1707.23, 1707.44, 1724.02, 4582.06, and 4582.31 and to enact sections 1707.05, 1707.051, 1707.052, 1707.053, 1707.054, 1707.055, 1707.056, 1707.057, 1707.058, and 1707.50 of the Revised Code to permit intrastate equity crowdfunding under certain circumstances.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 20, 2017, p. 553.)

**Sub. S. B. No. 7 – Senators Bacon, Manning**

**Cosponsors: Senators Obhof, Beagle, Gardner, Uecker, Eklund, LaRose, Skindell, Huffman, Hite, Brown, Schiavoni, Hoagland, Wilson, Balderson, Burke, Coley, Dolan, Hackett, Hottinger, Jordan, Kunze, Lehner, Oelslager,**

**Peterson, Sykes, Tavares, Terhar, Thomas, Williams, Yuko Representatives  
Manning, Rezabek, Celebrezze, Butler, Conditt, Cupp, Kent, Rogers**

To amend section 2919.27 of the Revised Code to provide the circumstances when service of a protection order or consent agreement upon a person is not necessary for the person to be convicted of the offense of violating a protection order.

(House committee on Criminal Justice recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 472.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs recommends amended bill for passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 195.)

(Senate committee on Rules and Reference recommends re-referral, see Senate Journal, February 8, 2017, p. 120.)

#### **Sub. H. B. No. 41 – Representative Pelanda**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Hambley, Seitz, Sprague, Blessing**

To amend sections 3503.24, 3505.181, 3505.183, 3505.20, 3505.21, 3509.06, and 3511.11 and to enact section 3509.051 of the Revised Code to modify the law concerning challenges to voter registrations, the appointment of observers, and the procedures for processing absent voter's ballots and for casting absent voter's ballots in person.

(Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 357.)

#### **H. B. No. 125 – Representatives Craig, Seitz**

**Cosponsors: Representatives West, Leland, Young, Retherford, Sheehy, Patterson, Smith, K., Antonio, Celebrezze, Boccieri, Cera, O'Brien, Howse, Boggs, Ashford, Sykes, Rogers, Boyd**

To amend sections 1901.20 and 1907.02 and to enact section 4511.072 of the Revised Code to specify the jurisdiction of municipal and county courts over municipal traffic ordinances and to establish requirements governing fines, fees, or other charges for traffic violations and infractions imposed by a municipal corporation that does not have the authority to establish a mayor's court.

(Pending Committee Report.)

#### **Am. H. B. No. 195 – Representatives Ingram, Seitz**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Antonio, Blessing, Brenner, Butler, Craig, Dean, Dever, Hagan, Howse, Keller, Kelly, Kent, Lepore-Hagan, Miller, Reineke, Riedel, Romanchuk, Stein, West, Wiggam, Green, Householder, Hughes, Kick, Manning, Reece**

To amend sections 4766.01, 4766.04, and 4766.09 of the Revised Code to modify the provisions concerning the transport of persons who require the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid in nonemergency circumstances.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 25, 2017, p. 515.)

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**(Bills or resolutions below the black line have been recommended for passage or adoption by designated committees)**

**Sub. H. B. No. 2 – Representative Seitz**

To amend sections 2315.18, 2315.21, 4112.01, 4112.02, 4112.04, 4112.05, 4112.08, 4112.14, and 4112.99; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 4112.051 (4112.055) and 4112.052 (4112.056); and to enact new sections 4112.051 and 4112.052 and section 4112.054 of the Revised Code to modify Ohio civil rights laws related to employment.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

**H. B. No. 24 – Representative Ginter**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Schaffer, Rogers, Cera, Green, Hambley, Retherford, Ryan**

To amend section 5709.17 of the Revised Code to modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property to include property of certain veterans organizations exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and to exclude property that is not used primarily for meetings, administration, and the provision of programs and services to past and present members of the United States armed forces.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, June 20, 2017, p. 553.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 35 – Representative Hughes**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Lipps, Antani, Blessing, Faber, Schaffer, Hambley, Sprague, Boccieri, Seitz, Dever, Brenner, Leland**

To amend sections 102.02, 109.572, 111.15, 119.01, 121.07, 131.11, 135.03, 135.032, 135.32, 135.321, 135.51, 135.52, 135.53, 323.134, 339.06, 513.17, 749.081, 755.141, 902.01, 924.10, 924.26, 924.45, 1101.01, 1101.02, 1101.03, 1101.15, 1101.16, 1103.01, 1103.02, 1103.03, 1103.06, 1103.07, 1103.08, 1103.09, 1103.11, 1103.13, 1103.14, 1103.15, 1103.16, 1103.18, 1103.19, 1103.20, 1103.21, 1105.01, 1105.02, 1105.03, 1105.04, 1105.08, 1105.10, 1105.11, 1107.03, 1107.05, 1107.07, 1107.09, 1107.11, 1107.13, 1107.15, 1109.01, 1109.02, 1109.03, 1109.05, 1109.08, 1109.10, 1109.15, 1109.16, 1109.17, 1109.22, 1109.23, 1109.24, 1109.25, 1109.26, 1109.31, 1109.32, 1109.33, 1109.34, 1109.35, 1109.36, 1109.39, 1109.40, 1109.43, 1109.44, 1109.45, 1109.47, 1109.48, 1109.49, 1109.53, 1109.54, 1109.55,

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(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 217.)

#### **Am. H. B. No. 39 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Hambley, Bishoff, Carfagna**

To enact section 505.872 of the Revised Code to authorize certain townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 261.)

#### **Sub. H. B. No. 42 – Representatives Sprague, DeVitis**

**Cosponsor: Representative Seitz**

To amend section 1345.99 and to enact section 1345.022 of the Revised Code to prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 50 – Representative Schaffer**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Roegner, Koehler, Retherford, McColley, Brenner, Conditt, Thompson, Becker, Wiggam, Riedel, Blessing, Henne, Dean, Seitz, Merrin, Goodman, LaTourette, Hambley, Antani, Young**

To amend sections 4501.27, 5101.33, and 5101.542 and to enact section 5101.331 of the Revised Code to establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 543.)

**Am. H. B. No. 51 – Representative Faber**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Brinkman, Butler, Dean, Dever, DeVitis, Green, Goodman, Hagan, Henne, Keller, Kick, Koehler, Lipps, Merrin, Retherford, Riedel, Roegner, Romanchuk, Scherer, Stein, Thompson, Vitale, Young**

To amend section 117.46 and to enact sections 101.88, 101.881, 101.882, and 101.89 of the Revised Code to require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 463.)

**H. B. No. 76 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Patmon**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact sections 4503.436 and 4503.566 of the Revised Code to create the "Ohio National Guard Ohio Cross" license plate and the "Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 247.)

**H. B. No. 88 – Representative Anielski**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Roegner, Slaby, Howse, Celebrezze, Sykes, Green, Greenspan, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Cuyahoga Valley Career Center" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 248.)

**Am. H. B. No. 104 – Representative Schaffer**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Henne, Boccieri, Seitz, Becker, Riedel, Hood, Brinkman, Stein, Bishoff, Dever, Brenner**

To amend section 5739.121 of the Revised Code to allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

**Am. H. B. No. 116 – Representative Merrin**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, McColley, Becker, Roegner, Seitz, Carfagna, Hood, Brinkman, Riedel, Goodman, Sheehy, Keller, Antani, Vitale, Zeltwanger, Koehler, Dean, Boccieri, Stein, Retherford, Young, Householder**

To amend sections 5739.01 and 5739.02 of the Revised Code to exempt prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, and other optical aids sold by licensed dispensers from sales and use tax beginning July 2019.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

**H. B. No. 122 – Representatives Hambley, Rogers**

**Cosponsors: Representatives West, Smith, K., Sheehy**

To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 451.)

**Am. H. B. No. 134 – Representatives Hambley, Kick**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Wiggam, Stein**

To amend sections 307.283 and 5739.026 of the Revised Code to allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 464.)

**H. B. No. 135 – Representative Patmon**

To enact section 5.49 of the Revised Code to designate June 12th as "Superman Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 465.)

**H. B. No. 136 – Representative Arndt**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, West**

To enact sections 5534.802 and 5534.803 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 61 in Erie County as the "SGT David Sexton Memorial Highway" and a portion of Benton-Carroll Road in Ottawa County as "SGT Glen Millinger Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 364.)

**H. B. No. 140 – Representative Green**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Bocchieri, Cera, Faber, Johnson, Lipps, Miller, Perales, Riedel, Rogers, Sheehy, Sprague, Sweeney, Greenspan, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan**

To enact section 5534.78 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 32 in Brown and Highland Counties as the "Army Specialist Danny Raymond King Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 365.)

**H. B. No. 159 – Representative Riedel**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Sweeney, Brenner, Dean, Cupp, Reineke, Blessing, Lepore-Hagan, Smith, K., Goodman, Thompson, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Reece, West**

To enact section 5.292 of the Revised Code to designate May as "Drive Ohio Byways Month."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 504.)

**H. B. No. 183 – Representative Perales**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Butler, Sweeney, Craig, Hambley, Bocchieri, Riedel, Lipps, Rezabek, Seitz, O'Brien, Johnson, Lanese, Landis, Miller, Young**

To enact section 4561.02 of the Revised Code to establish the Governing Board of the Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame and Learning Center for purposes of establishing the Hall and inducting persons into it.

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 544.)

**H. B. No. 194 – Representatives Johnson, Craig**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Arndt, Boccieri, Butler, Conditt, Dean, Dever, Ginter, Gonzales, Keller, Landis, Riedel, Ryan, Stein, Strahorn, Thompson, Wiggam, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Howse, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Reece, West**

To enact section 4503.29 and to repeal sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.571, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code to establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

**H. B. No. 196 – Representative Lipps**

**Cosponsors: Representatives West, Sprague, Riedel, Wiggam, Smith, R., Boccieri, Thompson, Sweeney, Lepore-Hagan, Antonio, Stein, Cupp, Miller, Huffman, Gavarone, Antani, Johnson**

To enact section 5.2518 of the Revised Code to designate October as "Ohio Chiropractic Awareness Month."

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 475.)

**H. B. No. 202 – Representative Thompson**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Johnson, Ramos, Stein, Retherford, Arndt, Rogers, Duffey, Goodman, Riedel, Howse, Smith, K., Romanchuk, Greenspan, Lepore-Hagan, Conditt, Anielski, Hill, Miller, Boccieri, Gavarone, Hambley, Scherer, Ginter, Sweeney, Sprague, West, Dean, Brenner, Kent, Cupp, Keller, Reece, Faber, Lanese, Landis, Young, Zeltwanger**

To enact section 5.481 of the Revised Code to designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day."

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, May 25, 2017, p. 516.)

**H. B. No. 212 – Representative Householder**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Keller, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Patton, Reece, West**

To enact section 5534.801 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 16 in Coshocton County as the "Staff Sergeant Paul C. Mardis Jr. Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

**Am. H. B. No. 227 – Representative LaTourette**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.88 of the Revised Code to create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 545.)

**S. B. No. 18 – Senator Thomas**

**Cosponsors: Senators Eklund, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Sykes, Brown, Obhof, Coley, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Terhar, Williams, Wilson  
Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 350.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

**S. B. No. 27 – Senator Beagle**

**Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Brown, Eklund, Gardner, Manning, Obhof, Schiavoni, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Yuko, Hoagland, Oelslager, Tavares, Burke, Kunze, Hackett, Balderson, Coley, Dolan, Hite, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Wilson  
Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**

To amend section 5.2281 of the Revised Code to designate the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as "Ohio Deaf History Month."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 351.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 203.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

**S. B. No. 57 – Senator Kunze**

**Cosponsors: Senators Coley, Brown, Beagle, Eklund, Schiavoni, Oelslager, Yuko, Hackett, Lehner, Tavares, Gardner, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hite, Hoagland, Huffman, LaRose, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Wilson  
Representatives Huffman, Gavarone, Antonio, Barnes, Duffey, Ginter, Kent, LaTourette, Lepore-Hagan, West**

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate the seventeenth day of May as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day."

(House committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 363.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 15, 2017, p. 239.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 209.)

Have a great evening!

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**Bills for Third Consideration**

**Sub. H. B. No. 170 – Representatives Carfagna, Duffey**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Brenner, LaTourette, Reineke, Boggs, Hambley, Kochler**  
To amend sections 3301.079 and 3313.603 and to enact sections 3301.012, 3314.0110, 3315.17, 3319.236, and 3326.082 of the Revised Code with regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds.

(Committee on Education and Career Readiness recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 7, 2017, p. 535.)

**Am. S. B. No. 2 – Senator Hite**

**Cosponsors: Senators Gardner, Manning, Yuko, Williams, Brown, Sykes, LaRose, Bacon, Balderson, Beagle, Burke, Dolan, Eklund, Hackett, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Kunze, Lehner, Obhof, O'Brien, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Tavares, Thomas, Uecker**  
**Representatives Landis, Leland, Schaffer**  
To amend sections 1506.21, 1506.23, 3714.01, 3714.02, 3714.051, 3714.06, 3714.062, 3714.082, 3734.061, 3734.19, 3734.20, 3734.21, 3734.22, 3734.23, 3734.30, 5301.80, 6109.02, 6109.08, 6109.24, 6111.03, 6111.04, 6111.07, and 6111.30 and to enact sections 3714.022, 6109.25, 6111.052, 6111.33, and 6111.34 of the Revised Code to revise specified laws relating to environmental protection.

(House committee on Energy and Natural Resources recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 502.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 15, 2017, p. 238.)

(Senate committee on Energy and Natural Resources recommends amended bill for passage, see Senate Journal, March 9, 2017, p. 219.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 213 – Representative Dever**

**Cosponsor: Representative Celebrezze**  
To amend sections 109.572, 121.08, 4763.01, 4763.02, 4763.03, 4763.05, 4763.08, 4763.11, 4763.12, 4763.13, 4763.14, 4763.15, 4763.17, and 4763.19 and to enact sections 4768.01, 4768.02, 4768.03, 4768.04, 4768.05, 4768.06, 4768.07, 4768.08, 4768.09, 4768.10, 4768.11, 4768.12, 4768.13, 4768.14, 4768.15, and 4768.99 of the Revised Code to change the definition of "appraisal" for purposes of the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Law, to make changes to certain procedures and the exceptions to licensure under that law, to regulate appraisal management companies, and to declare an emergency.

(Committee on Civil Justice recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 544.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 199 – Representative Blessing**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Seitz, Wiggam, Sprague, Brenner, Hughes, Dever**  
To amend sections 9.02, 109.572, 1181.21, 1181.25, 1315.21, 1319.12, 1321.02, 1321.51,

1321.52, 1321.53, 1321.54, 1321.55, 1321.551, 1321.57, 1321.58, 1321.59, 1321.60, 1321.72, 1321.99, 1322.01, 1322.02, 1322.021, 1322.023, 1322.024, 1322.025, 1322.03, 1322.031, 1322.04, 1322.041, 1322.042, 1322.043, 1322.05, 1322.051, 1322.052, 1322.06, 1322.061, 1322.065, 1322.07, 1322.072, 1322.073, 1322.074, 1322.075, 1322.081, 1322.09, 1322.10, 1322.11, 1322.12, 1322.99, 1329.71, 1335.02, 1345.01, 1349.27, 1349.43, 1349.44, 1349.45, 1349.99, 2923.31, 4712.01, 4719.01, 4728.11, 4735.05, and 4763.03; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 1322.02 (1322.07), 1322.021 (1322.16), 1322.023 (1322.05), 1322.024 (1322.02), 1322.025 (1322.55), 1322.03 (1322.09), 1322.031 (1322.20), 1322.04 (1322.10), 1322.041 (1322.21), 1322.042 (1322.24), 1322.043 (1322.25), 1322.05 (1322.32), 1322.051 (1322.27), 1322.052 (1322.28), 1322.06 (1322.34), 1322.061 (1322.36), 1322.065 (1322.17), 1322.07 (1322.40), 1322.072 (1322.35), 1322.073 (1322.15), 1322.074 (1322.41), 1322.075 (1322.42), 1322.081 (1322.45), 1322.09 (1322.46), 1322.10 (1322.50), 1322.101 (1322.51), 1322.11 (1322.52), and 1322.12 (1322.57); to enact new sections 1322.04 and 1322.12 and sections 1322.29, 1322.30, 1322.43, and 1322.56; and to repeal sections 1321.521, 1321.522, 1321.531, 1321.532, 1321.533, 1321.534, 1321.535, 1321.536, 1321.537, 1321.538, 1321.552, 1321.592, 1321.593, 1321.594, 1322.022, 1322.062, 1322.063, 1322.064, 1322.071, and 1322.08 of the Revised Code to create the Ohio Residential Mortgage Lending Act for the purpose of regulating all non-depository lending secured by residential real estate and to limit the application of the current Mortgage Loan Law to unsecured loans and loans secured by other than residential real estate.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 20, 2017, p. 554.)

#### **H. B. No. 158 – Representatives Perales, Craig**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Antonio, Ashford, Boccheri, Brenner, Craig, Cera, Dever, Henne, Lepore-Hagan, Lipps, Manning, Rezabek, Johnson, Lanese, Landis, Miller, Riedel, Young**

To amend section 4141.29 of the Revised Code to permit persons who quit work to accompany the person's spouse on a military transfer to be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits.

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 543.)

#### **Sub. H. B. No. 95 – Representatives Hughes, Seitz**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Duffey, Carfagna, Green, Johnson, Manning, Patton**

To amend sections 4511.03, 4511.051, 4511.12, 4511.121, 4511.132, 4511.204, 4511.205, 4511.21, 4511.211, 4511.213, 4511.22, 4511.23, 4511.25, 4511.26, 4511.27, 4511.28, 4511.29, 4511.30, 4511.31, 4511.32, 4511.33, 4511.34, 4511.35, 4511.36, 4511.37, 4511.38, 4511.39, 4511.40, 4511.41, 4511.42, 4511.43, 4511.431, 4511.44, 4511.441, 4511.451, 4511.46, 4511.47, 4511.54, 4511.55, 4511.57, 4511.58, 4511.59, 4511.60, 4511.61, 4511.64, 4511.71, 4511.711, 4511.712, 4511.713, 4511.72, and 4511.73 and to enact section 4511.991 of the Revised Code to establish an enhanced penalty for committing a moving violation while distracted if the distraction is a contributing factor to the commission of the violation and to reenact provisions of law that specified that certain electronic wireless communications device violations were allied offenses of similar import.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 18, 2017, p. 490.)

#### **Am. H. B. No. 223 – Representative Dever**

To amend sections 2323.58, 2323.581, 2323.582, 2323.583, 2323.584, 2323.585, 2323.586, and 2323.587 of the Revised Code relative to transfers of structured settlement payment rights.

(Committee on Civil Justice recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 20, 2017, p. 555.)

**H. B. No. 145 – Representatives Huffman, Sprague**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Seitz, Blessing, Butler, Clyde, Faber**

To amend sections 4730.32, 4731.224, 4731.25, 4760.16, 4762.16, and 4774.16 and to enact sections 4731.251, 4731.252, 4731.253, and 4778.17 of the Revised Code to provide for the establishment of a confidential program for the treatment of certain impaired practitioners and to declare an emergency.

(Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends passage, see House Journal, June 6, 2017, p. 520.)

**Am. H. B. No. 69 – Representative Cupp**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Blessing, Dever, Hambley, Hill, Faber, Seitz, Arndt, Carfagna**

To amend section 5709.40 of the Revised Code to require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 450.)

**H. B. No. 60 – Representatives Hambley, Rogers**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Seitz, Sheehy, Becker, Retherford, Thompson, Stein, Green**

To amend sections 4506.01, 4506.11, 4507.01, 4507.13, and 4507.52 and to enact sections 4506.072, 4507.021, 4507.061, and 4507.511 of the Revised Code to authorize the issuance of an enhanced driver's license, enhanced commercial driver's license, and enhanced identification card to facilitate land and sea border crossings between the United States and Canada and Mexico, pursuant to an agreement with the United States Department of Homeland Security.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 474.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 10 – Representative Arndt**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Duffey, Thompson, Stein, Goodman, Dever, Brenner**

To amend sections 1707.03, 1707.17, 1707.19, 1707.23, 1707.44, 1724.02, 4582.06, and 4582.31 and to enact sections 1707.05, 1707.051, 1707.052, 1707.053, 1707.054, 1707.055, 1707.056, 1707.057, 1707.058, and 1707.50 of the Revised Code to permit intrastate equity crowdfunding under certain circumstances.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 20, 2017, p. 553.)

**Sub. S. B. No. 7 – Senators Bacon, Manning**

**Cosponsors: Senators Obhof, Beagle, Gardner, Uecker, Eklund, LaRose, Skindell, Huffman, Hite, Brown, Schiavoni, Hoagland, Wilson, Balderson, Burke, Coley, Dolan, Hackett, Hottinger, Jordan, Kunze, Lehner, Oelslager, Peterson, Sykes, Tavares, Terhar, Thomas, Williams, Yuko Representatives Manning, Rezabek, Celebrezze, Butler, Condiff, Cupp, Kent, Rogers**

To amend section 2919.27 of the Revised Code to provide the circumstances when service of a protection order or consent agreement upon a person is not necessary for the person to be convicted of the offense of violating a protection order.

(House committee on Criminal Justice recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 472.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs recommends amended bill for passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 195.)

(Senate committee on Rules and Reference recommends re-referral, see Senate Journal, February 8, 2017, p. 120.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 41 – Representative Pelanda**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Hambley, Seitz, Sprague, Blessing**

To amend sections 3503.24, 3505.181, 3505.183, 3505.20, 3505.21, 3509.06, and 3511.11 and to enact section 3509.051 of the Revised Code to modify the law concerning challenges to voter registrations, the appointment of observers, and the procedures for processing absent voter's ballots and for casting absent voter's ballots in person.

(Committee on Government Accountability and Oversight recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 357.)

**H. B. No. 125 – Representatives Craig, Seitz**

**Cosponsors: Representatives West, Leland, Young, Retherford, Sheehy, Patterson, Smith, K., Antonio, Celebrezze, Boccheri, Cera, O'Brien, Howse, Boggs, Ashford, Sykes, Rogers, Boyd**

To amend sections 1901.20 and 1907.02 and to enact section 4511.072 of the Revised Code to specify the jurisdiction of municipal and county courts over municipal traffic ordinances and to establish requirements governing fines, fees, or other charges for traffic violations and infractions imposed by a municipal corporation that does not have the authority to establish a mayor's court.

(Pending Committee Report.)

**Am. H. B. No. 195 – Representatives Ingram, Seitz**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Antonio, Blessing, Brenner, Butler, Craig, Dean, Dever, Hagan, Howse, Keller, Kelly, Kent, Lepore-Hagan, Miller, Reineke, Riedel, Romanchuk, Stein, West, Wiggam, Green, Householder, Hughes, Kick, Manning, Reece**

To amend sections 4766.01, 4766.04, and 4766.09 of the Revised Code to modify the provisions concerning the transport of persons who require the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid in nonemergency circumstances.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 25, 2017, p. 515.)

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**(Bills or resolutions below the black line have been recommended for passage or adoption by designated committees)**

**Sub. H. B. No. 2 – Representative Seitz**

To amend sections 2315.18, 2315.21, 4112.01, 4112.02, 4112.04, 4112.05, 4112.08, 4112.14, and 4112.99; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 4112.051 (4112.055) and 4112.052 (4112.056); and to enact new sections 4112.051 and 4112.052 and section 4112.054 of the Revised Code to modify Ohio civil rights laws related to employment.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

**H. B. No. 24 – Representative Ginter**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Schaffer, Rogers, Cera, Green, Hambley, Retherford, Ryan**

To amend section 5709.17 of the Revised Code to modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property to include property of certain veterans organizations exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and to exclude property that is not used primarily for meetings, administration, and the provision of programs and services to past and present members of the United States armed forces.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends passage, see House Journal, June 20, 2017, p. 553.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 35 -- Representative Hughes**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Lipps, Antani, Blessing, Faber, Schaffer, Hambley, Sprague, Boccieri, Seitz, Dever, Brenner, Leland**

To amend sections 102.02, 109.572, 111.15, 119.01, 121.07, 131.11, 135.03, 135.032, 135.32, 135.321, 135.51, 135.52, 135.53, 323.134, 339.06, 513.17, 749.081, 755.141, 902.01, 924.10, 924.26, 924.45, 1101.01, 1101.02, 1101.03, 1101.15, 1101.16, 1103.01, 1103.02, 1103.03, 1103.06, 1103.07, 1103.08, 1103.09, 1103.11, 1103.13, 1103.14, 1103.15, 1103.16, 1103.18, 1103.19, 1103.20, 1103.21, 1105.01, 1105.02, 1105.03, 1105.04, 1105.08, 1105.10, 1105.11, 1107.03, 1107.05, 1107.07, 1107.09, 1107.11, 1107.13, 1107.15, 1109.01, 1109.02, 1109.03, 1109.05, 1109.08, 1109.10, 1109.15, 1109.16, 1109.17, 1109.22, 1109.23, 1109.24, 1109.25, 1109.26, 1109.31, 1109.32, 1109.33, 1109.34, 1109.35, 1109.36, 1109.39, 1109.40, 1109.43, 1109.44, 1109.45, 1109.47, 1109.48, 1109.49, 1109.53, 1109.54, 1109.55, 1109.59, 1109.61, 1109.63, 1109.64, 1109.65, 1109.69, 1111.01, 1111.02, 1111.03, 1111.04, 1111.06, 1111.07, 1111.08, 1111.09, 1113.01, 1113.03, 1113.05, 1113.06, 1113.08, 1113.09, 1115.01, 1115.05, 1115.06, 1115.07, 1115.11, 1115.11, 1115.14, 1115.15, 1115.20, 1115.23, 1115.27, 1117.01, 1117.02, 1117.04, 1117.05, 1119.11, 1119.17, 1119.23, 1119.26, 1121.01, 1121.02, 1121.05, 1121.06, 1121.10, 1121.12, 1121.13, 1121.15, 1121.16, 1121.17, 1121.18, 1121.21, 1121.23, 1121.26, 1121.30, 1121.33, 1121.34, 1121.38, 1121.41, 1121.43, 1121.45, 1121.47, 1121.48, 1121.50, 1121.56, 1123.01, 1125.01, 1125.03, 1125.04, 1125.05, 1125.06, 1125.09, 1125.10, 1125.11, 1125.12, 1125.13, 1125.14, 1125.17, 1125.18, 1125.19, 1125.20, 1125.21, 1125.22, 1125.23, 1125.24, 1125.25, 1125.26, 1125.27, 1125.28, 1125.29, 1125.30, 1125.33, 1181.01, 1181.02, 1181.03, 1181.04, 1181.05, 1181.06, 1181.07, 1181.10, 1181.11, 1181.21, 1181.25, 1349.16, 1509.07, 1509.225, 1510.09, 1514.04, 1707.03, 1901.31, 2335.25, 3351.07, 3767.41, 4303.293, and 5814.01; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 1103.01 (1113.01), 1103.06 (1113.04), 1103.08 (1113.12), 1103.09 (1113.13), 1103.11 (1113.11), 1103.13 (1113.14), 1103.14 (1113.15), 1103.15 (1113.16), 1103.16 (1113.17), 1103.21 (1117.07), and 1113.01 (1113.02) and to enact new section 1121.52 and sections 1101.05, 1103.99, 1109.021, 1109.04, 1109.151, 1109.441, 1109.62, 1114.01, 1114.02, 1114.03, 1114.04, 1114.05, 1114.06, 1114.07, 1114.08, 1114.09, 1114.10, 1114.11, 1114.12, 1114.16, 1115.02, 1115.03, 1115.24, 1116.01, 1116.02, 1116.05, 1116.06, 1116.07, 1116.08, 1116.09, 1116.10, 1116.11, 1116.12, 1116.13, 1116.16, 1116.18, 1116.19, 1116.20, 1116.21, and 1121.19, and to repeal sections 1105.06, 1107.01, 1109.60, 1115.18, 1115.19, 1115.25, 1121.52, 1133.01, 1133.02, 1133.03, 1133.04, 1133.05, 1133.06, 1133.07, 1133.08, 1133.09, 1133.10, 1133.11, 1133.12, 1133.13, 1133.14, 1133.15, 1133.16, 1151.01, 1151.02, 1151.03, 1151.04, 1151.05, 1151.051, 1151.052, 1151.053, 1151.06, 1151.07, 1151.08, 1151.081, 1151.09, 1151.091, 1151.10, 1151.11, 1151.12, 1151.13, 1151.14, 1151.15, 1151.16, 1151.17, 1151.18, 1151.19, 1151.191, 1151.192, 1151.20, 1151.201, 1151.21, 1151.22, 1151.23, 1151.231, 1151.24, 1151.25, 1151.26, 1151.27, 1151.28, 1151.29, 1151.291, 1151.292, 1151.293, 1151.294, 1151.295, 1151.296, 1151.297, 1151.298, 1151.299, 1151.2910, 1151.2911, 1151.30, 1151.31, 1151.311, 1151.312, 1151.32, 1151.321, 1151.323, 1151.33, 1151.34, 1151.341, 1151.342, 1151.343, 1151.344, 1151.345, 1151.346, 1151.347, 1151.348, 1151.349, 1151.35, 1151.36, 1151.361, 1151.37, 1151.38, 1151.39, 1151.40, 1151.41, 1151.411, 1151.42, 1151.44, 1151.45, 1151.46, 1151.47, 1151.471, 1151.48, 1151.49, 1151.51, 1151.52, 1151.53, 1151.54, 1151.55, 1151.60, 1151.61, 1151.62, 1151.63, 1151.64, 1151.66, 1151.71, 1151.72, 1151.99, 1153.03, 1153.05, 1153.06, 1153.07, 1153.99, 1155.01, 1155.011, 1155.02, 1155.021, 1155.03, 1155.05, 1155.07, 1155.071, 1155.08, 1155.09, 1155.091, 1155.10, 1155.11, 1155.12, 1155.15, 1155.16, 1155.17, 1155.18, 1155.20, 1155.21, 1155.23, 1155.24, 1155.25, 1155.26, 1155.27, 1155.28, 1155.31, 1155.35, 1155.37, 1155.41, 1155.42, 1155.43, 1155.44, 1155.45, 1155.46, 1155.47, 1157.01, 1157.03, 1157.04, 1157.05, 1157.06, 1157.09, 1157.10, 1157.11, 1157.12, 1157.13, 1157.14, 1157.17, 1157.18, 1157.19, 1157.20, 1157.21, 1157.22, 1157.23, 1157.24, 1157.25, 1157.26, 1157.27, 1157.28, 1157.29, 1157.30, 1157.33, 1161.01, 1161.02, 1161.03, 1161.04, 1161.05, 1161.06, 1161.07, 1161.071, 1161.08, 1161.09, 1161.10, 1161.11, 1161.111, 1161.12, 1161.13, 1161.14, 1161.15, 1161.16, 1161.17, 1161.18, 1161.19, 1161.20, 1161.21, 1161.22,

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(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 217.)

**Am. H. B. No. 39 – Representatives Arndt, Gavarone**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Hambley, Bishoff, Carfagna**

To enact section 505.872 of the Revised Code to authorize certain townships to require the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks abutting property.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, March 22, 2017, p. 261.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 42 – Representatives Sprague, DeVitis**

**Cosponsor: Representative Seitz**

To amend section 1345.99 and to enact section 1345.022 of the Revised Code to prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles.

(Committee on Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 449.)

**Sub. H. B. No. 50 – Representative Schaffer**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Roegner, Koehler, Retherford, McColley, Brenner, Conditt, Thompson, Becker, Wiggam, Riedel, Blessing, Henne, Dean, Seitz, Merrin, Goodman, LaTourette, Hambley, Antani, Young**

To amend sections 4501.27, 5101.33, and 5101.542 and to enact section 5101.331 of the Revised Code to establish requirements for electronic benefit transfer cards issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

(Committee on Community and Family Advancement recommends substitute bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 543.)

**Am. H. B. No. 51 – Representative Faber**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Brinkman, Butler, Dean, Dever, DeVitis, Green, Goodman, Hagan, Henne, Keller, Kick, Koehler, Lipps, Merrin, Retherford, Riedel, Roegner, Romanchuk, Scherer, Stein, Thompson, Vitale, Young**

To amend section 117.46 and to enact sections 101.88, 101.881, 101.882, and 101.89 of the Revised Code to require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 463.)

**H. B. No. 76 -- Representatives Arndt, Gavarone**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Patmon**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact sections 4503.436 and 4503.566 of the Revised Code to create the "Ohio National Guard Ohio Cross" license plate and the "Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 247.)

**H. B. No. 88 -- Representative Anielski**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Patton, Roegner, Slaby, Howse, Celebrezze, Sykes, Green, Greenspan, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, West**

To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.905 of the Revised Code to create the "Cuyahoga Valley Career Center" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, March 16, 2017, p. 248.)

**Am. H. B. No. 104 -- Representative Schaffer**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Henne, Bocciari, Seitz, Becker, Riedel, Hood, Brinkman, Stein, Bishoff, Dever, Brenner**

To amend section 5739.121 of the Revised Code to allow vendors to receive a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit accounts when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit account lender.

(Committee on Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

**Am. H. B. No. 116 -- Representative Merrin**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, McColley, Becker, Roegner, Seitz, Carfagna, Hood, Brinkman, Riedel, Goodman, Sheehy, Keller, Antani, Vitale, Zeltwanger, Koehler, Dean, Bocciari, Stein, Retherford, Young, Householder**

To amend sections 5739.01 and 5739.02 of the Revised Code to exempt prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, and other optical aids sold by licensed dispensers from sales and use tax beginning July 2019.

(Committee on Ways and Means recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, April 26, 2017, p. 358.)

**H. B. No. 122 -- Representatives Hambley, Rogers**

**Cosponsors: Representatives West, Smith, K., Sheehy**

To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 10, 2017, p. 451.)

**Am. H. B. No. 134 -- Representatives Hambley, Kick**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Wiggam, Stein**

To amend sections 307.283 and 5739.026 of the Revised Code to allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district.

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 464.)

**H. B. No. 135 -- Representative Patmon**

To enact section 5.49 of the Revised Code to designate June 12th as "Superman Day."

(Committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, May 16, 2017, p. 465.)

**H. B. No. 136 – Representative Arndt**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, West**  
To enact sections 5534.802 and 5534.803 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 61 in Erie County as the "SGT David Sexton Memorial Highway" and a portion of Benton-Carroll Road in Ottawa County as "SGT Glen Millinger Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 364.)

**H. B. No. 140 – Representative Green**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Bocchieri, Cera, Faber, Johnson, Lipps, Miller, Perales, Riedel, Rogers, Sheehy, Sprague, Sweeney, Greenspan, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan**  
To enact section 5534.78 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 32 in Brown and Highland Counties as the "Army Specialist Danny Raymond King Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 365.)

**H. B. No. 159 – Representative Riedel**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Hambley, Sweeney, Brenner, Dean, Cupp, Reineke, Blessing, Lepore-Hagan, Smith, K., Goodman, Thompson, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Hughes, Johnson, Reece, West**  
To enact section 5.292 of the Revised Code to designate May as "Drive Ohio Byways Month."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 504.)

**H. B. No. 183 – Representative Perales**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Butler, Sweeney, Craig, Hambley, Bocchieri, Riedel, Lipps, Rezabek, Seitz, O'Brien, Johnson, Lanese, Landis, Miller, Young**  
To enact section 4561.02 of the Revised Code to establish the Governing Board of the Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame and Learning Center for purposes of establishing the Hall and inducting persons into it.

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 544.)

**H. B. No. 194 – Representatives Johnson, Craig**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Anielski, Arndt, Bocchieri, Butler, Conditt, Dean, Dever, Ginter, Gonzales, Keller, Landis, Riedel, Ryan, Stein, Strahorn, Thompson, Wiggam, Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Householder, Howse, Hughes, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Reece, West**

To enact section 4503.29 and to repeal sections 4503.431, 4503.432, 4503.433, 4503.434, 4503.48, 4503.481, 4503.53, 4503.532, 4503.533, 4503.536, 4503.537, 4503.538, 4503.54, 4503.541, 4503.543, 4503.544, 4503.547, 4503.548, 4503.571, 4503.581, 4503.59, and 4503.731 of the Revised Code to establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

**H. B. No. 196 – Representative Lipps**

**Cosponsors: Representatives West, Sprague, Riedel, Wiggam, Smith, R., Bocchieri, Thompson, Sweeney, Lepore-Hagan, Antonio, Stein, Cupp, Miller, Huffman, Gavarone, Antani, Johnson**

To enact section 5.2518 of the Revised Code to designate October as "Ohio Chiropractic

Awareness Month."

(Committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 17, 2017, p. 475.)

**H. B. No. 202 – Representative Thompson**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Johnson, Ramos, Stein, Retherford, Arndt, Rogers, Duffey, Goodman, Riedel, Howse, Smith, K., Romanchuk, Greenspan, Lepore-Hagan, Conditt, Anielski, Hill, Miller, Boccieri, Gavarone, Hambley, Scherer, Ginter, Sweeney, Sprague, West, Dean, Brenner, Kent, Cupp, Keller, Reece, Faber, Lanese, Landis, Young, Zeltwanger**  
To enact section 5.481 of the Revised Code to designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day."

(Committee on Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security recommends passage, see House Journal, May 25, 2017, p. 516.)

**H. B. No. 212 – Representative Householder**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Greenspan, Sheehy, DeVitis, Hughes, Johnson, Keller, Lepore-Hagan, Manning, Patton, Reece, West**  
To enact section 5534.801 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of State Route 16 in Coshocton County as the "Staff Sergeant Paul C. Mardis Jr. Memorial Highway."

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends passage, see House Journal, May 24, 2017, p. 505.)

**Am. H. B. No. 227 – Representative LaTourette**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Green, Sheehy**  
To amend section 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.88 of the Revised Code to create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate.

(Committee on Transportation and Public Safety recommends amended bill for passage, see House Journal, June 8, 2017, p. 545.)

**S. B. No. 18 – Senator Thomas**

**Cosponsors: Senators Eklund, Gardner, Beagle, Yuko, Sykes, Brown, Obhof, Coley, Uecker, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hackett, Hite, Hoagland, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, Kunze, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Oelslager, Peterson, Schiavoni, Skindell, Tavares, Terhar, Williams, Wilson Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**  
To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate September 12 as "Jesse Owens Day."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 350.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 201.)

(Senate committee on Government Oversight and Reform recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

**S. B. No. 27 – Senator Beagle**

**Cosponsors: Senators Bacon, Brown, Eklund, Gardner, Manning, Obhof, Schiavoni, Thomas, Uecker, Williams, Yuko, Hoagland, Oelslager, Tavares, Burke, Kunze, Hackett, Balderson, Coley, Dolan, Hite, Hottinger, Huffman, Jordan, LaRose, Lehner, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Wilson Representatives Hambley, Boyd, Carfagna**  
To amend section 5.2281 of the Revised Code to designate the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as "Ohio Deaf History Month."

(House committee on State and Local Government recommends passage, see House Journal, April 25, 2017, p. 351.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 7, 2017, p. 203.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicines recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 2, 2017, p. 181.)

**S. B. No. 57 – Senator Kunze**

**Cosponsors: Senators Coley, Brown, Beagle, Eklund, Schiavoni, Oelslager, Yuko, Hackett, Lehner, Tavares, Gardner, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Dolan, Hite, Hoagland, Huffman,**

**LaRose, Manning, Obhof, O'Brien, Peterson, Skindell, Sykes, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker,  
Williams, Wilson Representatives Huffman, Gavarone, Antonio, Barnes, Duffey, Ginter,  
Kent, LaTourette, Lepore-Hagan, West**

To enact section 5.291 of the Revised Code to designate the seventeenth day of May as "Diffuse  
Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day."

(House committee on Health recommends passage, see House Journal, May 1, 2017, p. 363.)

(Senate recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 15, 2017, p. 239.)

(Senate committee on Health, Human Services and Medicaid recommends passage, see Senate Journal, March 8, 2017, p. 209.)